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Yeltsin defies impeachment threat by Supreme Soviet

BY ANATOL LIEVEN IN MOSCOW AND OUR FOREIGN STAFF

RUSSIA'S Supreme Soviet took the first step towards removing President Yeltsin from power last night when it ordered the country's constitutional court to rule on his decision to govern by decree.

The court, which met in closed session of its own accord yesterday, is almost certain to come out against Mr Yeltsin, and the impeachment process could begin as early as Wednesday.

The soviet also asked Russia's chief prosecutor to consider whether any of Mr Yeltsin's advisers should bear criminal responsibility for the declaration of emergency rule, suggesting that some aides — though not the president himself — could be put on trial. Mr Yeltsin's supporters claimed, however, that the Supreme Soviet did not have a quorum and that its 125-16 vote was void. The president's chief legal adviser also declared that the Russian leader would refuse to step down, even if he were impeached.

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Enemies gather: a high-ranking army officer, flanked by a poster showing Mr Yeltsin with his head in a noose, addressing communist supporters in Moscow yesterday

Mr Yeltsin, whose mother was reported to have died yesterday, did not attend the soviet, which was hastily gathered after his announcement on Saturday that he was assuming special powers pending a national vote of confidence on April 25. His referendum would also ask the people to approve a draft new constitution which would replace the two-tier Supreme Soviet and Congress of People's Deputies with a directly-elected parliament.

The move was immediately denounced by Valery Zorkin, the constitutional court chairman, who said it amounted to "the crossing out of the constitution by the will of a single person". Ruslan Khasbulatov, the congress speaker, continued the attack at yesterday's soviet, accusing Mr Yeltsin of usurping power and leading the nation towards civil war. "The country is facing a threat of returning to neo-totalitarian rule, disintegration and dictatorship," he said.

Aleksandr Ruiskoi, the vice-president, was also critical of Mr Yeltsin's declaration. He had refused to co-sign the decree and had warned the president that his assumption of special powers was illegal. He added, however, that he had a perfect right to call his referendum next month.

The government meanwhile declared its unanimous support for the president and promised to maintain law and order without resorting to force, although only one of the ministers who appeared before the deputies yesterday expressed strong support for Mr Yeltsin. Viktor Chernomyrdin, the prime minister, said the president had a right to appeal to the people, but whether his declaration was constitutional was "another question". All proclaimed the neutrality of the security forces in the political conflict.

Outside the White House, thousands of demonstrators from the rival camps were separated by a massive police presence, and there were also demonstrations in St Petersburg and by ethnic Russians in the Crimean peninsula of neighbouring Ukraine, but most people reacted calmly.

Mr Yeltsin's decree was welcomed by the former Soviet foreign minister Eduard Shevardnadze, now president of Georgia, who said he should have acted earlier to prevent a reactionary coup. "Russia now faces the danger of civil war," he said. "I can almost smell it." But Mikhail Gorbachev said the declaration of emergency rule was a serious political error. "They are mad. It's not possible. I can't believe it," the former Soviet leader told the Italian newspaper *La Stampa*.

Outside the former Soviet Union, there was widespread support for Mr Yeltsin. President Clinton said: "As Russia's only democratically elected national leader, he has our support, as do his reform government and all the reforms throughout the Russian Federation." The two leaders' summit in Vancouver on April 3 and 4 would go ahead.

Britain, Germany, The Netherlands, Austria, Denmark, Bulgaria, Poland and Finland all backed the Russian president, and France renewed its call for an emergency summit of the group of seven industrialised nations (G7) to consider urgent help for the Russian reform process. Representatives of the G7 countries and Denmark, as president of the EC, had been told of Mr Yeltsin's plans an hour before he made his announcement.

The Supreme Soviet denounced the Western response as a crude intervention in Russia's internal affairs.

Tyneside sergeant stabbed to death

BY PAUL WILKINSON

SERGEANT Bill Forth, 34, commended last week by a judge for tackling a gunman, was stabbed to death on Tyneside early yesterday after being set upon when he answered a routine call. A boy of 15 and a man aged 25 have been arrested.

Sgt Forth and Constable Bill Hay, 35, were called to the Sunniside estate at Gateshead, Tyne and Wear, shortly before midnight on Saturday to deal with youths who had allegedly smashed a window.

As they approached the house, a group of youths jeered at and taunted them. Sgt Forth, who had 14 years' experience, stayed in the panda car while PC Hay went into the house. Soon afterwards, when the sergeant radioed from the car for assistance, the sounds of a struggle were heard in the background.

PC Hay found Sgt Forth confronting two youths. One ran off, chased by PC Hay, who eventually arrested him with the help of a passer-by. When he returned to help Sgt Forth he found him still wrestling with his attacker despite several injuries.

The attacker was arrested and the sergeant was taken to the Queen Elizabeth hospital in Gateshead, where he died. A post-mortem examination revealed that he died of multiple stab wounds. He is survived by his wife Gill, son Christopher and daughter Rebecca.

Several people tried to help the two injured policemen, including Liz Bell, an off-duty nurse, her husband Bobby and son Robert, who has just completed a Scouts first aid course. Mr Bell said: "We did the best we could to help; it was very upsetting, a dreadful experience."

Trevor Pickford, a bus driver, pressed his fists into Sgt Forth's wounds in an effort to stem the bleeding. Eileen Harper, his girlfriend, said: "We are all deeply shocked

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Police say Warrington bombs were reprisal

BY RONALD FAUX

DETECTIVES seeking the IRA terrorists whose bombs killed a three-year-old boy and seriously injured five other people in Warrington, Cheshire, at the weekend, believe the atrocity may have been a reprisal for the IRA attack on the town that went wrong three weeks ago.

Two bombs went off without warning in the Golden Square shopping centre in Bridge Street on Saturday. They had been put in cast iron litter bins that exploded into shrapnel, blasting about 200 shoppers.

In the attack on Warrington gas works at the end of February two men were arrested in the town centre. More arrests in Nottingham and the seizure of arms and explosives followed. The terrorists' return is seen by many in Warrington as an act of retribution by the IRA, who yesterday admitted having placed the bombs.

A statement issued in Dublin claimed that coded warnings had allowed 30 minutes to clear the area. It regretted the boy's death and the injuries and said "responsibility lies squarely at the door of those in the British authorities who deliberately failed to act on precise and adequate warnings".

Kenneth Clarke, the home secretary, said last night: "The Provisional IRA's claims that their warnings were accurate are lies. Their expressions of regret are hypocritical. It is deeply cynical to follow such an outrage with cynical nonsense of this kind. It is their long-established practice to give misleading warnings in order to pave the way for statements like this attacking the police."

The boy who died was named as Jonathan Ball, of Grappenhall, a village near Warrington. He is the bombers' youngest victim on the mainland. Another boy, Tim Parry, aged 12, of Warrington, was critically ill in Warrington General Hospital yesterday after the explosion tore away most of his face. His parents said the first blast had frightened him and he ran straight into the second.

Many of those seriously injured were young people. One mother whose leg was amputated was recovering in hospital; her other leg was broken. Her husband and five-year-old daughter, also injured, were with her in hospital, as was her two-week-old baby, who was not injured.

Jonathan Ball: youngest mainland bomb victim

Twenty surgeons and anaesthetists operated on the injured and helped police to collect forensic evidence. Six operating theatres were in use, and Arfan Saleh, the consultant in charge of the accident and emergency unit, said 21 people were treated. Four of the five severely injured were out of danger: "Their condition is stable and comfortable; they will make it," he said.

Commander David Tucker, head of Scotland Yard's anti-

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Mitterrand's men win only 20% in poll humiliation

FROM CHARLES BREMNER IN PARIS

FRENCH voters yesterday inflicted humiliating defeat on the governing Socialist party in the first round of parliamentary elections and anointed the alliance of Gaullists and centre-right parties to lead the next government with a landslide majority.

In the biggest electoral swing in 20 years, the Socialists won only 19 per cent of votes compared with 40.5 per cent for the RPR (Gaullist) and UDF group, according to television projections. Their share has not been so low since 1968, four years before François Mitterrand formed the modern party. The two allied ecology parties fared worse than expected, taking only 8.5 per cent, behind the far-right National Front, which scored 12.5 per cent, according to the TF1 network. The communists, in decline for two decades, won only 8.5 per cent.

Though expected for months, the electoral verdict is a stinging rebuff for the Socialists, who have held power for 10 of the past 12 years. Their debacle also amounts to a crushing disavowal of President Mitterrand, 76, who has held office since 1981. He will serve his remaining time as a political lame duck confronting a hostile government.

He will have to choose a prime minister after the final round according to which of the two conservative groups hold more seats. Early estimates said that the RPR, led by Jacques Chirac, were slightly ahead of Valery Giscard d'Estaing's UDF, but in the final round centre and left-wing voters may try to block the more nationalist and hardline Gaullists.

M Chirac, re-elected outright in his Correze constituency, said the results were encouraging but warned supporters that it was only a first step. "We must not assume what voters are going to do next week. Only the results of the second round are real."

If yesterday's pattern is maintained in next Sunday's run-off, the conservatives will hold over 480 of the 577 seats, with the Socialists on 57, compared with 247 at present. If the Socialists forge an alliance with the ecologists, as is likely, analysts say they could lose even more seats. The ecologists appear likely to win no seats at all.

A string of senior Socialists are expected to lose their seats. Laurent Fabius, the Socialist leader, said "the left, party of progress, risks being obliterated in parliament". He appealed to the ecology parties and all other left-wing groups join the Socialists in an effort to "block the right".

Yesterday's poll was marked by over 31 per cent abstention, a record high and a reflection of the failure of any party to stir France out of its gloom. Though likely to win over 80 per cent of the seats, the two conservative groups hold only the same share of the vote as in 1986, when they edged in ahead of the Socialists. Their landslide was explained by the flight of Socialist voters to the ecology alliance.

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British justice keeps its hair on

BY FRANCES GIBB, LEGAL CORRESPONDENT

WIGS are to stay as the traditional emblem of British justice. The verdict on the prickly issue of whether judges should go bare-headed is overwhelmingly against: the public, and most of the legal profession, want the 18th century horsehair retained.

After nearly a year's debate and widespread public consultation, the consensus of more than 500 people and organisations who have expressed their views is that wigs should be kept. Lord Mackay of Clashfern, the Lord Chancellor, and Lord Taylor, the Lord Chief Justice, are expected to announce the findings after Easter.

Though there may be discretion for judges in the commercial court to remove wigs on occasion, as in many family law cases, the presumption in favour of wigs is expected to remain. Lord Taylor, when sworn in last April as the senior judge, said he would seek views on whether judges should abandon wigs as a move towards a "user-friendly judiciary".

There was strong support among judges and barristers of the commercial court. But such was the sensitivity of the issue that no decision was taken and the matter referred up to the senior judges as a whole, in the shape of the Judges' Council.

The legal profession was split: the Criminal Bar Association found most favoured wigs for crown court cases. Half of the rest wanted to discard wigs but keep gowns.

Barristers agreed that robes (wigs and gowns) ensured respect and even defendants — who come closer to wigs than all but the wearers — were decisively in favour.

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Lamont insists on no exemptions from fuel bill VAT

BY SHEILA GUNN, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

NORMAN Lamont made clear yesterday that he intends to ride out the storm over his decision to extend VAT to domestic fuel by insisting that he will not exempt the poor and the old.

As fresh evidence emerged of a potential revolt by Conservative MPs at the proposal, the Chancellor promised extra help, financed by the Treasury's reserves, for those living on benefits by the time the new VAT is introduced in April 1994. But he refused to commit the government to compensating pensioners fully.

Interviewed on BBC Television's *Breakfast with Frost*, Mr Lamont said: "I do not think it would be remotely simple to have the zero rate retained for this particular section of the community. I do not think it would be right and not all pensioners are going to find it difficult." He added: "It would be expensive and I don't think it would be appropriate. It would be an administrative nightmare to exempt certain people from VAT."

When pressed to give details of the help for vulnerable groups, he replied: "I am giving no figures. We have said there will be extra help. This measure in the Budget is designed to raise revenue. I want to help those in adverse circumstances, but I do not want to give it all back."

A poll in *The Sunday Times* found that three out of four Tory backbenchers wanted pensioners and poor families fully compensated for extra fuel costs. The survey of 75 Conservatives found that 55 believed there should be full compensation. Only eight did not. Most backed the principle of extending VAT to home heating bills, so long as the needy were protected. While 65 of those questioned promised to support the government over the decision, 10 refused to commit themselves.

John Smith yesterday described Mr Lamont's Budget as a massive betrayal. In one of his most virulent attacks, the Labour leader said that the government had revealed its true colours. "They are a government of lies, of deceit, and of betrayal: a government of such staggering cynicism we can only wonder at their contempt for the people who voted them into office in good faith less than a year ago."

Gordon Brown, the shadow Chancellor, said: "The Chancellor is now rowing back from full compensation and he will never be trusted again. This has shown that the government is incapable of keeping its word, not just from one election to another but from one day to the next." He said that Labour would mount a nationwide crusade for a guarantee of full compensation.

Mr Lamont said in the Frost interview that he believed his Budget would "do the trick" of helping economic recovery. "We believe we will see recovery established this year. We expect to see growth this year. There have been a number of encouraging signs recently."

When questioned about his future, and whether it was on a knife-edge, the Chancellor retorted: "Life is always a knife-edge."

A poll of Tory backbenchers for *The Independent on Sunday* suggested that the Budget has improved Mr Lamont's standing. Fifty-two out of the 72 MPs polled wanted him to present the first unified Budget in November, compared with 17 who believed that he should go this summer. A total of 132 Tories were contacted but 60 refused to answer.

John MacGregor, the transport secretary, emerged as the favoured successor as Chancellor, with 20 votes. Michael Portillo, Chief Secretary to the Treasury, won 13; Michael Howard, the environment secretary, ten; Kenneth Clarke, home secretary, six; and Michael Heseltine, President of the Board of Trade, two.

Hopes fade for rescue of threatened pits

BY OUR POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

ONLY a handful of the 31 threatened pits are expected to be saved by the government's review of the coal industry, which is due to be completed by a cabinet committee tomorrow.

After the five-month review, ministers on the committee chaired by Lord Wakeham will hold a final meeting in a desperate effort to find ways of expanding the market for coal. If they fail, they look certain to face another Commons revolt from Conservative MPs campaigning for at least half the pits to be reprieved.

Michael Heseltine, president of the Board of Trade, is likely to present the energy white paper to the full Cabinet meeting on Thursday and to publish it next week.

Some Conservative MPs predict he could bring off a last-minute deal. Industry sources point out, however, that no additional contracts for coal have been agreed between British Coal and the electricity generators so far, despite a March 31 deadline and talks over the weekend.

Two Tory MPs, Winston Churchill and Elizabeth Peacock, have written to Mr Heseltine urging him to save most of the pits. Mrs Peacock warned him that, if the number saved were only in single figures, "he will not get it through the House". "I am looking for a larger market for coal and that has got to come from political will within the government, and not just from Michael Heseltine," she said yesterday.

Ministers are bracing themselves for protests from Tory MPs this week over the Channel tunnel rail route and cuts in the number of police forces, as well as a further three days of debate on the Maastricht treaty.

☐ Tory peers will stage a further revolt today over the government's legislation to compel landlords to sell their freeholds to leaseholders.

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RICHARD WINTLE

No survivors: the wreckage of the plane in which three people died yesterday at Sevenhampton, Wiltshire

Pilot and passengers die in crash

THE pilot of a light aircraft and his two passengers died yesterday when it crashed into a field in Wiltshire after the pilot reported a navigation system failure.

Rescue workers found the three men dead in the crashed plane near a farm at Sevenhampton, north of Swindon, where many children were on a Mothering Sunday outing watching newborn lambs. The single-engined Socata TB20 was on its way from Dublin to Biggin Hill airport in Kent.

Bruce Hailsdutton, of the Civil Aviation Authority, said the pilot had been in touch with RAF Lyneham and reported the navigation failure. "There was nothing said of any other problem." The plane had crashed minutes later without putting out a distress call: There was no sign of a fire.

Weather conditions in the area were reported to have been moderate with some cloud and heavy drizzle.

Rupert Burr, the farmer, said: "If it had crashed any closer there could have been a terrible tragedy. We had nearly 250 people here today to see the lambing."

Cross-London rail link back on track

BY JOHN LEWIS

THE £1.7 billion rail project that will take express trains under London is proceeding as a joint public/private venture after personal backing by John Major. The second reading of the CrossRail bill, which was dropped unexpectedly last month, is to take place in May.

In striving for cuts in public spending before the Budget, Norman Lamont, the Chancellor, questioned the validity of the project, which will run from Reading, Berkshire, to Shenfield in Essex. His challenge was met by stiff opposition from John MacGregor, the transport secretary, who is understood to have taken the issue to the prime minister.

Transport ministers have been irritated that Treasury officials appear to be obstructing the wishes of British Rail and London Underground to invite developers and financiers to consider the development potential of the project. They could share in developments around the new stations as well as building the line.

Experts say that by taking early action a consortium could avoid compulsory purchase procedures, saving taxpayers perhaps 40 per cent of their part of the cost. The treasury attitude was more difficult to understand given the apparent enthusiasm of Stephen Dorrell, the treasury financial secretary, in pursuing the concept of joint ventures and specifically naming cross rail as an obvious candidate.

Mr MacGregor has convinced ministers that the CrossRail project was important not only to help relieve the overburdened underground system, but also to the Channel tunnel high-speed link to the East Thames corridor. Details of a new Kent Parkway station near Maidstone are expected to be announced today, as well as an international station at Rainham/Dartford where drivers using the M25 will be able to leave their cars and join express trains to the Continent.

The Parkway station will give commuters from the Medway towns and Maidstone fast access on to the Channel tunnel high-speed track and into London. Although the high-speed track is capable of taking 12 commuter trains an hour, the King's Cross terminal could handle only about six an hour. The other trains could be diverted on to the CrossRail track at Stratford to go on to Liverpool Street station, Paddington and other parts of central London. In addition, CrossRail will give international passengers the choice of using the at Stratford to go on to Reading, Bristol and Wales, perhaps even the north.

The City of London will also profit. Last week there was agreement on the Heathrow express to take passengers from Paddington to Heathrow. Cross rail would allow businessmen in the City to reach Heathrow terminal in about 25 minutes, roughly a third of the time it can take now and a big bonus for the UK's financial centre.

Kent MPs rebel over rail link

BY TIM JONES
TRANSPORT CORRESPONDENT

THE government today faces an angry rebellion from its own MPs when John MacGregor, the transport secretary, announces the preferred route for the Channel tunnel rail link.

Residents along the 68-mile route are furious that the government has decided to back a £2.5 billion "cheap and cheerful" route with fewer tunnels rather than a more environmentally friendly £4.5 billion project.

In spite of intense pressure to confirm plans leaked last week by John Prescott, the shadow transport secretary, senior transport department officials would say only that details "will be announced early this week". However, MPs along the route, who are under intense pressure from furious constituents, have been told they will be briefed this afternoon by Roger Freeman, the transport minister, before a statement is made in the Commons.

Although Mr MacGregor was reported as being "near meltdown" over the leak, and Dr John Prideaux, the head of Union Railways, the BR subsidiary in charge of the project, "incandescent with rage", many of the 16 Kent MPs are angry they have still been denied proper consultation.

Sir Keith Speed, Tory MP for Ashford, said he blamed the government for the confusion, which is causing anxiety to thousands in Kent.

He said his constituents had been faced with years of uncertainty and urban blight because of the government's prevarication, adding "Because of the way it has been mishandled some of my constituents have badly affected and my own health has suffered."

Sir Keith said he remembered Malcolm Rifkind, the then transport minister announcing in October 1991 that he was "ending blight and uncertainty" by rejecting British Rail's preferred southerly route into King's Cross in favour of an eastern approach.

"Such uncertainty can have serious consequences for people."

NEWS IN BRIEF

Sick Briton leaves Texas siege site

A British woman aged 59, who is believed to be suffering from a heart condition, left the fortified headquarters of the religious cult at the centre of the siege in Waco, Texas, early yesterday. Victorine Hollingsworth was taken to Hillcrest Baptist Medical Centre, where her condition was described as serious.

A spokesman for the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms said that she walked out of the Branch Davidian sect's compound with a Canadian woman. Two other women left later in the day. They were likely to be detained as material witnesses, the spokesman said.

Eight adults have left the compound since the beginning of the 22-day siege, which followed an attempt by bureau agents to arrest David Koresh, leader of the sect, on a weapons charge. Four agents and up to 15 sect members were killed in the ensuing shoot-out. There are 101 people, including 17 children — many of them Britons and Australians — still inside.

50mph limit for M25

Motorists using the M25 are facing a 50mph speed limit on a 20-mile section near Heathrow. The reduction, the first since motorway limits were announced 20 years ago, could lead to widespread restrictions throughout Britain by the end of the decade. Department of Transport planners believe that the 20mph reduction will increase the flow of traffic on the motorway. The limits, expected to be introduced by the end of the year, will be enforced for about five hours a day and could be extended to bank holidays.

Tribune seeks EC plan

Pro-European leftwingers today urge the Labour party to work with EC socialists to draw up a blueprint for Europe's future. A pamphlet from the Tribune group of Labour MEPs says that while the Labour party has broken from its anti-EC past, it now needs to lead a debate on Europe after the Maastricht treaty is ratified. As MPs prepare to spend three days this week debating amendments to the treaty, the left-wing MEPs attack the Euro-sceptics for not making clear their alternatives to Maastricht.

D-Day café closes

The Pegasus Bridge Café, a venue for D-Day reunions since it became the first building in France liberated by the Normandy landings at the end of the second world war, has closed. In recent years there have been disputes between the French authorities and the Gondree sisters, who run the café at Benouville, near Caen, and own the site of a neighbouring museum. Mme Arlette Gondree-Pritchett, one of the sisters and the wife of a Birmingham solicitor, said yesterday that the café had been denied a lease for the 1993 season.

TV arts bias attacked

Television and radio's heavy bias in favour of the arts and politics is helping to maintain public ignorance of science and technology, the broadcaster Nick Ross says. Despite the power of the mass media, society was "crippled by innumeracy, scientific illiteracy and pseudoscientific balderdash", Mr Ross wrote in *Science and Public Affairs*, the magazine of the British Association for the Advancement of Science and the Royal Society. He said that arts graduates dominated senior management posts at the BBC.

Heseltine faces electricity licence furore

BY ARTHUR LEATHLEY

MICHAEL Heseltine will face demands today to explain why he was not consulted in awarding a sensitive electricity licence to a company run by a fugitive charged with fraud, racketeering and tax evasion.

The decision to grant Marc Rich and Co the first foreign licence to buy and sell electricity in Britain sparked immediate political protest because of the lack of involvement by ministers.

Marc Rich, the commodity group's founder and chairman, set up the company in Switzerland after fleeing the US in 1984 when charged with "the largest tax-evasion ever prosecuted". US authorities have not dropped the criminal charges, which could theoretically bring a 300-year sentence if he is found guilty.

Ministers were not involved in the decision by the Office of Electricity Regulation (Offer) to grant the licence, which came into effect on Friday.

Labour immediately protested at the prospect of British industry and homeowners buying electricity from a company whose chairman will not visit Britain because of the risk of being extradited to the US to face charges. Martin O'Neill, shadow industry secretary, said: "In sensitive areas such as this, it would be appropriate to seek the advice of ministers." Mr O'Neill will today demand a response from Mr Heseltine and Tim Eggar, the energy minister, on why they were not consulted.

The decision to grant the contract was made by Professor Stephen Littlechild, director general of Offer. A spokesman for the regulator said yesterday that the application for a grant was made by the company, not Mr Rich himself, and that its audited accounts and a business plan met with approval.

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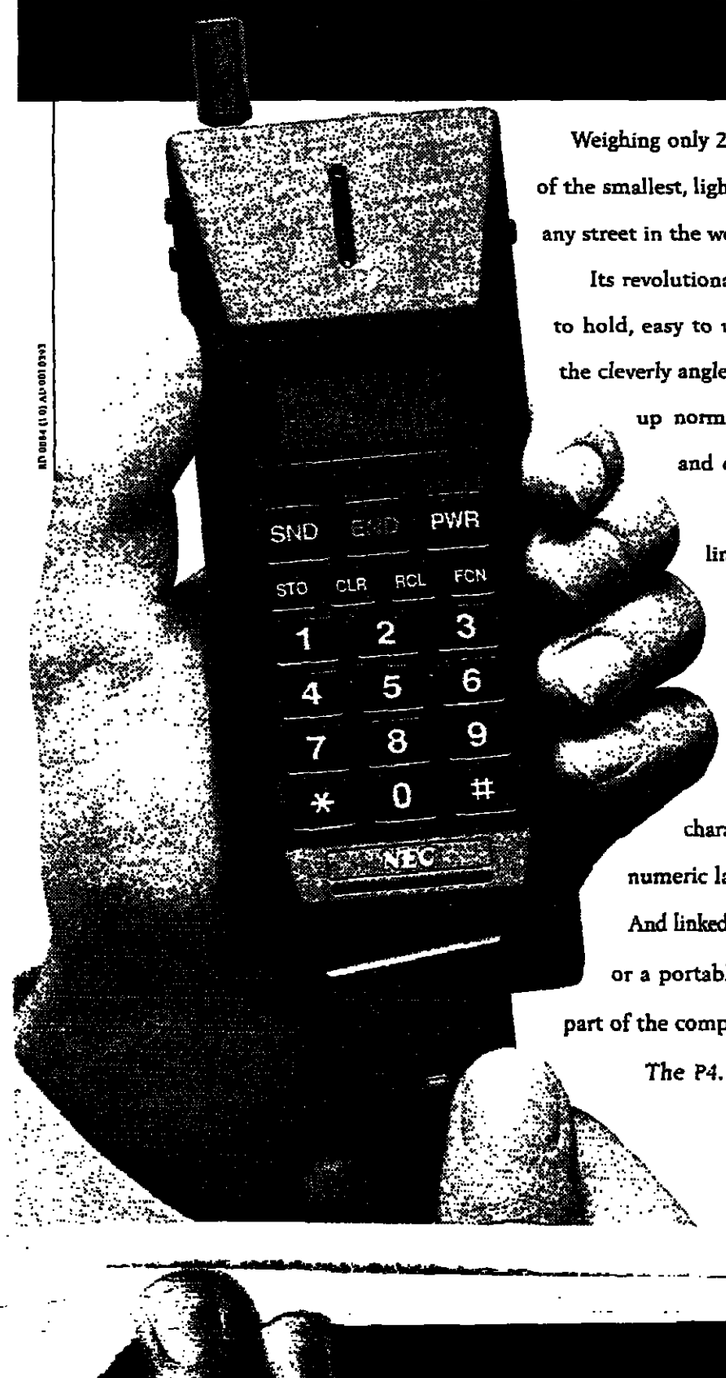

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Warrington weeps for lives shattered by shop bombers

By Ronald Faux

JONATHAN Ball, the three-year-old murdered by the IRA in Warrington, had been buying a Mothering Sunday present with his friends.

Rebecca Higgins, 16, a neighbour who had also been his babysitter, recalled how, when news of the bombing broke and Jonathan failed to return home, she and his father Wilf desperately searched the streets for him. Jonathan's mother Marie stayed by the telephone.

"As soon as I heard the news I feared for Jonathan's life. He had gone into town to buy a Mother's Day present and I knew he must have been there the moment the bombs exploded."

Jonathan had been shopping with Samantha Thompson, 13, a family friend, and her four-year-old sister. Rebecca said: "I met Jonathan's dad on the way into town. He had heard that a child had been killed and he was frantic with worry. We set off to look for him. We realised Samantha must have been injured because she was always very good about phoning up. We couldn't get near the centre of town and we tried to phone the hospital but all the lines were dead.

"I left Wilf in town searching the streets and went to the police station to report that Jonathan was missing. Wilf was just walking round in a daze hoping that Jonathan had got lost in the panic. It was several hours later that we found out he had been killed. His dad rang me to say he was dead and told me he had been to identify him. He said it all seemed unreal. Jonathan looked as though he was asleep.

"I'm devastated. I have looked after him since he was born. He was a bundle of laughs and a very happy little boy. I will miss him terribly."

Rebecca said that Samantha Thompson, from Warrington, had surgery to remove shrapnel from her chest, abdomen and groin. She said: "She will be scarred for life mentally and physically. She used to take Jonathan shopping every week."

She said that Jonathan's father had recently taken redundancy from a steel factory so he could spend more time with his son. She said that Jonathan was their only child.

Details of other victims of the explosions were also disclosed. When the first bomb went off, Tim Parry, 12, ran for shelter directly into the blast of the second bomb. His parents, Colin and Wendy Parry, wept outside the hospital where their son lay unconscious yesterday, his skull fractured and most of his face blown away by the blast.

A surgeon at Warrington General Hospital said the boy's injuries were horrific. He was expected to be transferred to Walton Hospital, Liverpool for neuro-surgery. He had not regained consciousness.

Mr Parry said that Tim had been buying football shorts and was with two friends when he caught the full force of the second explosion. "I have no words to describe the people who have done this. They are inhuman, wiping out a life and ruining a family. They are taking away the boy we loved. To do this in a main shopping area filled with people ... They are just inhuman, callous killers."

The family moved to Warrington six years ago from Wigan and Tim is a keen Everton fan. Mrs Parry, brimming with tears, added: "He had been in surgery for hours before we found out. Tim took the full force of the blast. The first explosion frightened him and he ran straight into the second." Mr Parry said: "I have got a son who is not going to live, a good-looking 12-year-old boy pulled apart ... and for what?"

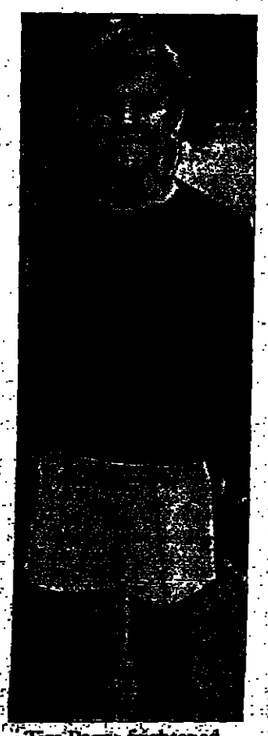
Yesterday, as police combed through the debris left by the two bombs, bewildered townsfolk speculated on the reasons for finding themselves targets of an IRA attack.

Through the still streets of the town a civic procession walked from the town hall to where the bombs exploded. The area outside the sports shop where Jonathan Ball died was covered in a carpet of flowers from grieving relatives and townspeople. Many of the bouquets and bunches of flowers had been intended as Mothering Sunday gifts from children in the town.

John Pennington, the mayor of Warrington, led the procession and members of the council wept as they stood at the site of the explosions and where blood still stained the pavement. Several councillors burst into tears.

Among the tributes was a teddy bear with a message: "Love from your best friend, Simon." There was also a bouquet of roses with the message: "To Jonathan from Nanny Pat."

Ann Harper, a Warrington councillor, sobbed as she laid a posy of flowers. Mrs Harper, who was in Bridge Street when the bombs went off, said: "I will never be able to walk down this street again without remembering what happened and the horror I saw."



Tim Parry: frightened, he ran into second blast

CARL RUTHERFORD

Floral tribute: a policeman holding flowers where the sergeant died

Set Forth: commended for bravery last week

Sergeant stabbed to death

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and upset. It is terrible that a policeman who was just doing his duty should lose his life."

A factory worker aged 57 said: "This was a peaceful place until a gang of young tearaways started burgling, stealing cars and threatening people. Most folk around here are now too frightened to go out alone at night.

"There is a young widow out there who will now remember Mother's Day for the rest of her life as the day her husband was murdered. Something needs to be done to stop this lawlessness."

Tommy Brown, 43, A warehouseman added: "The vast majority of people I would like to see the home secretary go to the widow of this policeman and explain how crime has been allowed to go this far."

John Stevens, Chief Constable of Northumbria, described the incident as a tragic example of the extreme dangers faced by police officers going about their duties protecting the community. "Northumbria Police," he said, "are deeply saddened by the death of Sgt Forth and are mourning the loss of a well-loved colleague."

At Newcastle Crown Court last Thursday, Judge William Crawford praised Sgt Forth's actions in a siege in Leam Lane, Gateshead, last June. During the case Judge Crawford told him: "You showed great courage and responsibility in dealing with this incident." The gunman, who was jailed for 18 months, fired into the ground when Sgt Forth, then working in CID, and another officer arrived at the scene. The officers tracked the gunman back to his flat despite being warned: "Back off or I'll kill you."

Strife-torn estate to host crime conference

By Michael McCarthy

A HOUSING estate in Brixton, south London, regarded as a byword for lawlessness will be the venue for a national conference on how to deal with crime.

Tony Baldry, the housing minister, will attend the conference next month at the derelict shopping precinct on Stockwell Park estate, which figured prominently in the riots of 1981 and 1986 and where drug dealers work openly.

In a community hall that is surrounded by abandoned and boarded-up shops, Mr Baldry will launch a government report on ways to tackle crime on housing estates. The main message will be that the community holds the key to crime prevention.

The conference, to be held on April 28 and entitled Safe Estates, Safe Communities, will involve representatives of tenants' organisations with the police, councils and government departments.

There has been growing public alarm and publicity during the past 18 months about crime on housing estates, particularly estates such as Meadow Well in North Shields, Tyne and Wear, and Blackbird Leys, Oxford. Mr Baldry will be visiting Moss Side in Manchester on Thursday.

The minister said the government was concerned that much less publicity had been given to the work being done by residents to improve their environment, especially under the Estates Action programme, which is funding 1,000 projects at a cost of more than £350 million a year.

Stockwell Park was chosen for the conference, Mr Baldry said, because it was typical of the deck-access concrete estates "full of dark corners for the mugger", where the government hoped that tenants would take over management. "It is Stockwell Park rather than in Westminster or Whitehall where the problems will be solved," he said.

Stockwell Park tenants' association has just supervised £3.5 million of improvements funded by Estates Action. Dark walkways have been removed and gardens and security systems installed.

Bombings planned as reprisal

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terrorist branch, who arrived in Warrington yesterday, said a telephone message had warned that the bomb was at a Boots store in Liverpool.

"I don't like to use the word warning," he said. "It warned no one of anything." He described the atrocity as callous and calculated.

Police have begun gathering security videos from stores in Bridge Street in the hope that the bombers had been caught on film. Detective Superintendent Les Lee, of Cheshire police, appealed for anyone in Bridge Street on Saturday morning to think hard about whether they saw anyone acting suspiciously. Whoever planted the devices, he said, each of which contained about half a pound of explosives, would have had to bend down over the litter bins.

"These people must have gone out of their way to do this, and I want people here to think about their movements on Saturday morning and contact us on 0244 313131," he said. "Someone out there knows who did this, and I ask them to think long and hard. Someone knows, and I urge them to come forward."

Brian Baister, assistant chief constable of Cheshire, said there had been some minor attacks on Warrington's Irish community but police had nipped them in the bud.

The Archbishop of Canterbury yesterday attacked the people behind the bombing. Speaking in Durham, George Carey said people should rise up in horror against the bombers. He also condemned the malaise in society which has provoked an increase in violent crime.

Enniskillen victim seeks IRA meeting

By Edward Gorman, Ireland Correspondent

A VICTIM of the IRA Remembrance Day bombing at Enniskillen five years ago, recently appointed to the Irish Senate, yesterday invited the Provisional leadership to meet him to discuss ways of ending its campaign of violence.

Gordon Wilson, who was injured in the bombing and whose daughter Marie was one of the 11 who died, said that he wanted to try to encourage the IRA to accept that its campaign has failed and that it should give up. Speaking to the BBC in Belfast, Mr Wilson said that, if he got the chance, he would try to "sell them the idea or the thought, 'Boys, where are we getting? Where are you getting?' because in my opinion they are getting nowhere".

Mr Wilson, who was appointed by Albert Reynolds, the Irish prime minister, to the Senate in Dublin last month, said that his invitation to the IRA was his own idea, independent of the Irish and British governments. In a letter to the IRA leadership, he condemned the violence as pure evil and pure sin. "I must tell you frankly that, when a bomb is placed in a town centre and people are killed as a result, there is no mistake and no excuse," he wrote.

He made clear that he believes the blame for what happened in Enniskillen lies on both sides of the community in Northern Ireland, and he appealed to what he called the "common humanity" of those who carried out the bombing to meet him. "Many of you have been bereaved as I have been and many of you have suffered as much or more than I have. All of you must hope that your children will live free of suffering and fear and that the future will be better for them than the past has been for our generation. It is on this common ground of shared experience and hope that we can meet."

Mr Wilson's courage and forgiveness after Enniskillen touched millions. He is in a better position than most to try to talk IRA leaders out of their campaign, but his chances of doing so are virtually nil. By appealing to them so publicly he has probably made it impossible for them to meet him should they wish to. IRA leaders do not accept that their campaign is failing.

□ A man was being questioned by police in Belfast yesterday after more than a ton of fertiliser was discovered during a search in the west of the city on Saturday. Police said that the fertiliser was concealed inside coal bags. They believe that they may have thwarted a planned IRA bombing.

Wilson: appeal to IRA's "common humanity"

Hoover is carpeted on flight offer

By Robin Young

THE Department of Trade and Industry denied yesterday it was about to launch an enquiry into a promotional offer in which Hoover, the domestic appliance manufacturer, is said to have cleaned up while frustrated customers were left to chew the carpet.

About 60 MPs have demanded an enquiry into offers of free flights to Europe and the United States that Hoover made last year for people who bought Hoover products worth more than £100.

Nigel Griffiths, Labour's consumer affairs spokesman, estimates there were between 100,000 and 200,000 applicants for the offer, of whom he thinks between 20,000 and 30,000 are going to be disappointed because no flights will be available to take them where they want to go. He said one newspaper had 300 complaints about the offers, and the BBC consumer programme *Watchdog* had 600.

The trade department said it had invited tradings standards officers to forward complaints and had so far received ten. A spokeswoman said: "We have no reason to believe this was anything other than a bona fide offer made subject to availability of tickets."

Hoover said it made clear from the outset that flight offers were subject to availability. Applicants who bought a Hoover machine were asked for six dates when they could travel. If none were available, Hoover offered three more. If none of those were acceptable the company considered it had fulfilled its obligations under the offer terms.

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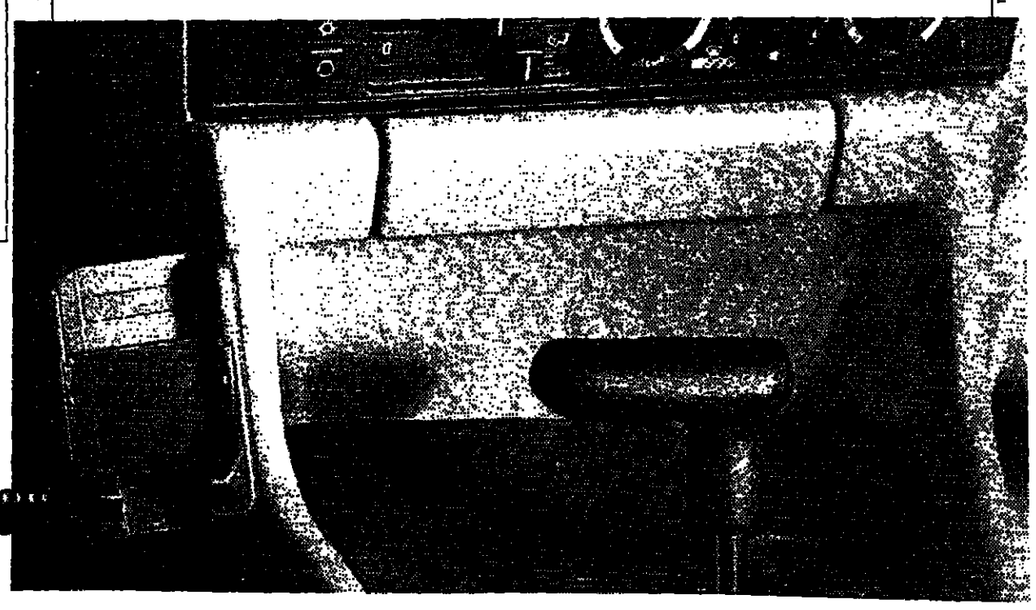

Tale of two schools: reforms in funding affect viability and prospects for pupils

Muslims test Patten's faith in education diversity

BY BEN PRESTON
EDUCATION REPORTER

THE fate of a primary school in north London poses a politically fraught question for John Patten, the education secretary. Should he allow the first Muslim school to receive state funding?

The end of a ten-year struggle for an equal financial footing with 2,000 Church of England, 2,100 Roman Catholic, four Methodist and 21 Jewish voluntary aided schools could be within sight for Islamia school in Brent. Next week, the last papers related to its application for aided status will land on Mr Patten's desk.

If successful, the 180-pupil primary school, based in a former grammar school building bought for £2.5 million, will receive funding from central and local government to cover all running costs and up to 85 per cent of capital spending. If not, it could provoke widespread dismay and disillusion among the two million-strong Muslim community, and for many show that the government's promises of parental choice and diversity in education are hollow. The Muslim "parliament", which says it represents British Muslims, has said that failure to establish state-funded Islamic schools could result in a campaign of civil disobedience.

Islamia is a test case the government thought it had side-stepped successfully when it rejected its application in May 1990 on the grounds that there were about 4,000 empty places in neighbouring Brent primary schools. But a High Court judge ordered Mr Patten to reconsider after ruling last May that the education department had acted with "manifest unfairness". Mr Justice Macpherson of Cluny described Islamia as "a splendid and remarkable school".

Muslim parents undoubtedly agree. Islamia's waiting list has 1,000 names and is growing, despite annual fees of £1,100. Competition for places is such that many children are listed at birth.

The school's aim, according to a statement pinned up in the headmaster's study, is to provide "the best education in a secure Islamic environment which develops the children's full potential through the love of learning and seeking the pleasure of Allah". It tries to follow the national curriculum — with an emphasis on mathematics and English, each taught for six hours a week — supplemented by about five hours spent on Arabic, Islamic studies and the Koran.

Dr Azam Baig, the head, argued that Islamia has done everything to meet requirements for aided status. Its teachers are qualified and sent regularly on training courses at the school's expense. The seven-year-old pupils take national curriculum tests. Inspectors visit frequently.

The success of Islamia's application is critical, Dr Baig said. The trust that supports the school, financed largely by founder Yusuf Islam, the former pop singer Cat Stevens, cannot afford to meet the £540,000 annual cost indefinitely. A reception class was scrapped last year.

Support from Conservative-controlled Brent council has cooled. The council, which is making cuts of almost £4 million in its schools, has not budgeted for the £400,000 cost of taking Islamia into its fold. In a letter to Mr Patten, George Benham, the executive education director, highlighted 2,500 empty primary school places within two miles.

Dr Baig countered that at least 60 per cent of pupils come from outside Brent, travelling from 25 boroughs across the capital. It is "hypocrisy" to penalise a successful school for the unpopularity of its neighbours, he said. "Mr Patten has allowed schools to opt out when there are surplus places. I hope people have the guts to stand up and say people have rights and Muslims have rights."

Sir Rhodes Boyson, former Conservative education minister and Brent North MP, is a formidable ally. He said Islamia's case should be decided on principle. "The government should accept it as a voluntary aided school because we have thousands of Christian schools and more than 20 Jewish schools. I think, provided it does the national curriculum and is subject to government inspection, it is right and equitable and will do good for community relations."

Other backbenchers fear that if one Muslim school receives state funding the floodgates will open, widening community divisions.

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DENZIL McNEELANCE

Focus of attention: Islamia pupils listening to a story. They study the national curriculum and have additional classes on the Koran, Islamic studies and Arabic

Heath leads call for reform

BY ARTHUR LEATHLEY

SIR Edward Heath yesterday demanded constitutional changes to rescue Parliament from "a state of permanent general election fever".

Referring to recent opinion polls that suggested a decline in public confidence in Parliament, Sir Edward blamed falling standards on deterioration in the twice-weekly prime minister's question time.

Sir Edward's comments came amid reports that the prime minister was reviewing the need for a cabinet with as many as 22 ministers. Although Downing Street denied a report that John Major wanted to halve the cabinet, some ministers are concerned that it is too unwieldy.

Mr Major was anxious after his general election victory to increase the prominence of the cabinet committees, which discuss issues before they come to full cabinet. When, for the first time, he published the membership of all cabinet committees, it was suggested that their importance was likely to increase.

Some ministers have since criticised the length of cabinet meetings. Although some cabinet members believe that an "inner core" of senior politicians might make debate more speedy and effective, Mr Major is unlikely to find volunteers to surrender their seats.

Writing in the *Mail on Sunday*, Sir Edward criticised the format of prime minister's questions, accusing Mr Major of giving stereotyped replies. He said the prime minister should have to answer only those questions relating to fields for which he was directly responsible.

Sir Edward dismissed the present format as "a ritual devoted to scoring cheap political points". The former Tory prime minister's comments reflect concern among MPs that recent incidents in the Commons have degenerated into political abuse.

John Patten, the education secretary, entered the debate on constitutional reform, saying that present government policy was designed gradually to introduce new ways of running the country. In *Modernising British Government*, published today by the European Policy Forum, he says that by 2000 a programme of rolling constitutional change will have introduced a "new constitutional settlement".

Opt-out approval scuppers plan to cut surplus places

BY OUR EDUCATION REPORTER

A PLAN to cut hundreds of surplus school places has been undermined because John Patten has allowed a half-empty comprehensive with weak examination results to become grant maintained, say critics of the decision.

Opponents say the move was cynical and shows that the government's drive to cut surplus places, wasting an estimated £300 million each year, takes second place to encouraging opting out.

Mr Patten approved The Shire Oak School's application to opt out of Walsall education authority control last month. The decision effectively shelved proposals to reduce the school's capacity by up to 400 as part of a reorganisation to ensure a more efficient local education service.

Just three days later, in a television interview, Mr Patten declared his determination to phase out up to 900,000 surplus places nationally within four years and predicted a transformation in the quality of education, using the money saved. Ministers have repeatedly emphasised that unpopular schools with poor records must improve or close.

Shire Oak became the target for reorganisation last year when only 607 of its 1,100 places were filled. The education authority also ordered an enquiry into the school's examination record. Last summer, 18 per cent of pupils gained five or more GCSEs at grades A to C, compared with 44 per cent at a neighbouring school with a similar intake.

Walsall education committee approved proposals to halve surplus places in the area by reducing the size of Shire Oak, moving a primary school to the site, and closing another secondary school.

However, the plans affecting Shire Oak were put on hold after the school's governors applied for grant maintained status. Although steps to close nearby Pelsall school have gone ahead, Michael Quinn, Walsall's chief education officer, said at least one in ten places would be surplus to requirements without the Shire Oak part of the scheme.

Shire Oak's opt-out application, which was supported by a big majority of parents, divided the ruling Conservative group from their Liberal Democrat partners on Walsall council. Eileen Pitt, of the Liberal Democrat group, said Mr Patten's decision put the authority back almost at square one.

Phil Wood, Tory education committee chairman, said the impending closure of Pelsall school meant there was no longer any problem of surplus places in the area.

Harold Withnall, a Labour councillor, said Mr Patten had scuppered their plan to make efficient use of limited resources. "If we try to identify another school to reduce its numbers or for possible closure it will immediately apply for grant maintained status."

The education department said Mr Patten was satisfied Shire Oak was a viable school and would remain so.

Straw tells Smith to recast party's founding beliefs

BY PHILIP WEBSTER, CHIEF POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

JOHN Smith will today receive shadow cabinet advice to tear up much of Labour's constitution and replace it with aims that reflect the realities of the late 20th century.

The Labour leader is urged to scrap the celebrated public ownership clause (clause IV) that appears on all Labour membership cards and to replace it with one that accepts the mixed economy and the role of the market.

Jack Straw, the shadow environment secretary, argues that Labour needs to recast its beliefs and visions if it is to kill the myth that the party is trapped in the past, its task over and done. He calls on the party to reject the timidity of those who argue that a constitution drawn up 75 years ago at the time of the Russian revolution should not be discussed, let alone revised.

Mr Straw's appeal will increase the pressure on Mr Smith to commit himself to changes more radical than he has appeared ready to contemplate. Mr Straw is known to be speaking for several members of Labour's front bench, such as Jack Cunningham, shadow foreign secretary, and Tony Blair, shadow home secretary, when he argues that reform could be made without a crisis engulfing the party.

Roy Hattersley, the former deputy leader, launched the internal campaign for reform when he wrote in *The Times* last month that Labour could no longer afford to pay homage to a clause that had nothing to commend it but senility. Mr Straw's demand that Labour have the confidence to alter a constitution that no one in the party believes in would strike a chord with many MPs. He is known to have discussed his document, *Policy and Ideology*, published by his Blackburn Labour party, with Mr Smith and colleagues.

He makes plain throughout that he is not arguing for Labour to drop its support in appropriate places for public ownership.

But the old commitment

Straw: role of market needs to be accepted

should be reshaped to tie in with people's experiences and perceptions now. Mr Straw suggests that markets should be the servants not the masters of the community, that economic activity should promote the wealth, welfare and employment of the people and that "to secure these ends the community should intervene through appropriate measures of regulation, control and public ownership".

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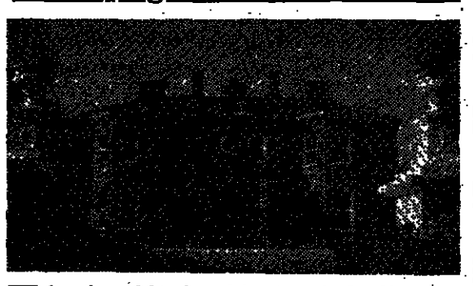

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Demand for help may overwhelm the new system, particularly in inner cities

Councils fear £135m shortfall in budget for community care

BY JEREMY LAURANCE
SOCIAL SERVICES CORRESPONDENT

■ From April, community care will be the responsibility of local authorities. Why is it welcomed by some and dreaded by others?

A REVOLUTION in the care of elderly people takes place next week with the introduction of community care changes described by MPs as a bigger leap in the dark than the NHS reforms.

From April 1, local authorities take responsibility for providing long-term care to all who need it, but they say the £399 million allocated to them is £135 million short of what is needed. Last week, the all-party Commons health select committee said that 20 per cent of authorities would face financial difficulties, all of them in the inner cities.

Authorities in England and Wales are expected to have to provide for 110,000 mainly elderly people in the first year, who previously would have gone direct into residential and nursing homes with their fees paid through the benefits system. In spite of a two-year delay in introduction of the reforms, many councils fear that they will be unable to cope with the demand.

In Kent, however, the county council is confident that the reforms will be a success. Ethel Hunnisett, 98, is an example of its pioneering work in community care. She spent a year in residential care after suffering a fall but a few months ago she celebrated her 100th birthday back in her bungalow on the Isle of Sheppey.

A former businesswoman, she was adamant about returning home but would not tolerate strangers in her house. Social workers solved the problem by paying Mrs Hunnisett's neighbour £42 a week to pop in four times a day. She is happier at home and the total cost of her care, including visits from the district nurse, is less than half the £250 a week fee for a nursing home.

"Every case has to be treated on its merits," said Joyce Marsh, the local care manager. "Sometimes the only reason for keeping a person in a home is that they need a high level of support.

"We feel very strongly that it should be provided in their own home if that is where they want to be."

Kent is supporting 7,000 people at home, from those who need hospital-style nursing care to others who need only a few hours' help with cooking and cleaning. Social work managers expect that number to grow by at least 1,000 when the automatic right to state support for residential care ends.

Disputes over the discharge of elderly patients from hospital are seen as the likeliest problem with the reforms, as health authorities and councils argue about who should foot the bill for long-term care. Sir Duncan Nichol, chief executive of the NHS, told MPs earlier this month that hospital discharge policy was a "vulnerable area".

Success depends on being able to respond to individual needs. Sylvia, in her 80s, would forget to turn off the gas taps on her cooker. Some authorities would have put her out of danger into a home at a cost of £200 to £300 a week. But Ms Marsh paid for an electric kettle to be installed and for her gas to be switched on and off at the mains by her home help when needed.

Ms Marsh, like the 340 other care managers in Kent, has her own budget and buys services as she needs them. She reckons to spend no more than two thirds of the cost of residential care on supporting someone at home, although that limit can be broken.

Kent is well placed to cope with the changes on April 1 because it has received a generous community care grant of more than £20 million to meet the new demand. Shire counties have benefited because they have more old people's homes. Metropolitan areas, where there are few homes, have been harder hit.

Even in Kent, however, those who care for relatives at home are concerned that the changes will reduce their choice. In the past, they have known that if things got difficult they could put their relative in a home. They fear now that social workers may take a different view.

"If I say I can't cope is anyone going to believe me? That's a real anxiety," said Cynthia Spicer, Kent organiser for the National Carers' Association. "The money is going to go to those in greatest need who, by definition, are those who live alone.

"I have yet to be convinced that carers are going to get more of the cake. I think the emphasis will be on those discharged from hospital to enable them to cope at home rather than on those who have been caring for someone for 20 years."

JULIAN HERBERT

Home guard: community care organised by Joyce Marsh, right, enabled Ethel Hunnisett, 100, to return home

Ear tester conquers new world

BY NIGEL HAWKES
SCIENCE EDITOR

AMERICAN experts have recommended that all babies born in the United States should have their hearing tested by a device invented at University College London.

The recommendation, from the National Institutes of Health, is a boost to Otodynamics, of Hatfield, Hertfordshire, which is already turning over £1 million a year three years after it was set up.

The device is based on a discovery made ten years ago at the Institute of Laryngology and Otology in London. Scientists there discovered that if a clicking sound was made in the ear of a newborn baby, echoes could be detected. The absence of an echo from the inner ear meant that the baby was deaf.

David Kemp, professor of auditory biophysics at the institute, said: "We expected companies to hammer on our door. When they didn't, we set up a company ourselves."

Laudable reforms founder on rocks of charge-capping

BY PAUL WILKINSON

NEWCASTLE upon Tyne has a tradition of good community care, stemming from its solid old-style socialist roots, but there is serious concern that the new system will fail to match the old.

The city will receive £3.2 million this year in government community care grants, compared with the £5.75 million it claims is necessary. To avoid charge-capping, ten old people's homes have been shut in the past five years and ten middle managers in the social services department have been made redundant.

Up to 300 jobs in social services are likely to disappear in the next three years to keep the city inside government spending targets. Brian Roycroft, director of social services, saw trouble ahead towards the end of last year and called in a government support group: a seven-strong "hit squad" led by Andrew Foster, then deputy chief executive of the National Health Service. Mr Foster's team had experts seconded from social and health organisations all over the country.

'Community care will be there, but it will be spread thinly'

They visited Newcastle on December 8 for one day, carrying out between 50 and 60 interviews with key personnel. Four days later they returned with an assessment, pointing out where progress was being made and where action had to be taken. "They said things were all right, but we were not running fast enough," Mr Roycroft said.

As a result of their advice, Mr Roycroft set up a separate project management team for his department headed by his deputy. He said: "On April 1 community care will be there, but it will be spread thinly. It will mean, for example, a home help will have to get round more people in a day than might be preferable. She will be able to do the vacuuming perhaps, but there will be no time to sit and spend time with an elderly person. The quality of the service will be affected."

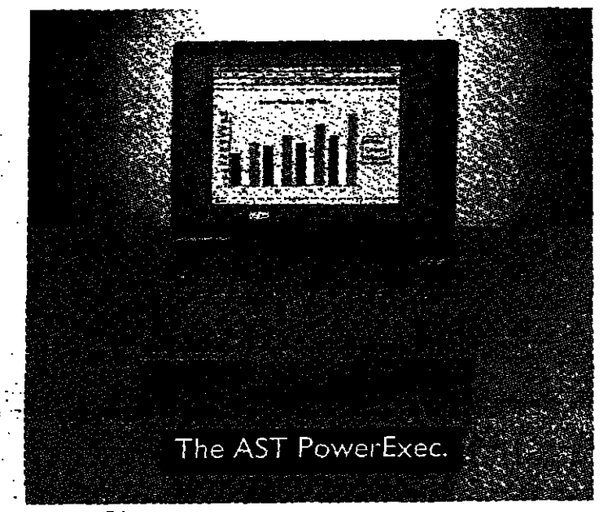
Mr Roycroft is worried that a lack of cash will hamper all their good intentions. He gives as an example the government desire for more of the elderly to be cared for in their own homes rather than institutions.

"A laudable idea," he said. "One cannot argue with the theory. We improve and extend our services to provide more home helps, more social workers for home visits, so the person can stay in their own familiar surroundings."

But he argues with how it will work in practice. In Newcastle at present, about 500 elderly people a year go into private residential care and the Department of Social Security meets their charges. Under the new scheme the city's social services will pay from their government grant. However, Whitehall says that because of the improved domestic services only 400 pensioners will need residential accommodation, so the grant is a fifth less than the original bill footed by the DSS. There is no new money for the improved local services.

Mr Roycroft forsees another problem: public antipathy towards a greater role for private enterprise, especially retirement homes.

"The local authority is an old-style Labour council which has been in power for years, with a good reputation for looking after its people. Its services are trusted and relied upon and there is a suspicion of services provided by people in it for profit. That is why there was such an outcry over the closure of ten old people's homes. People expect the local authority to take care of them."



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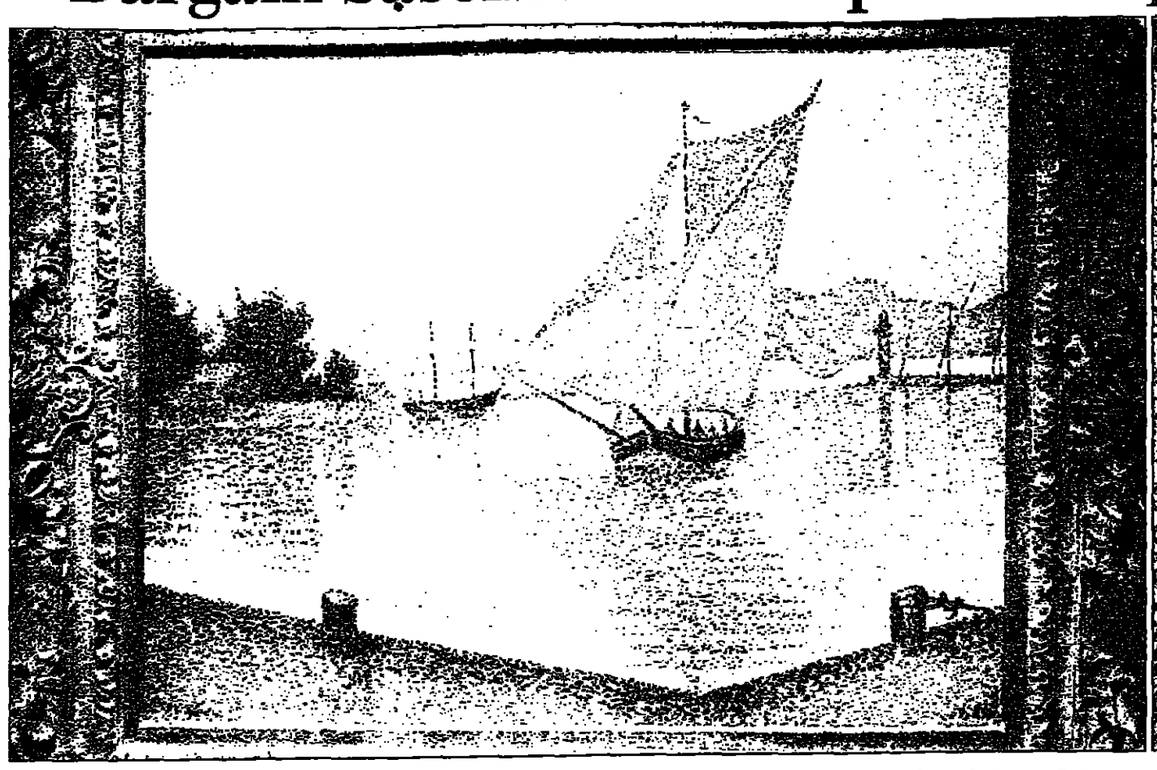

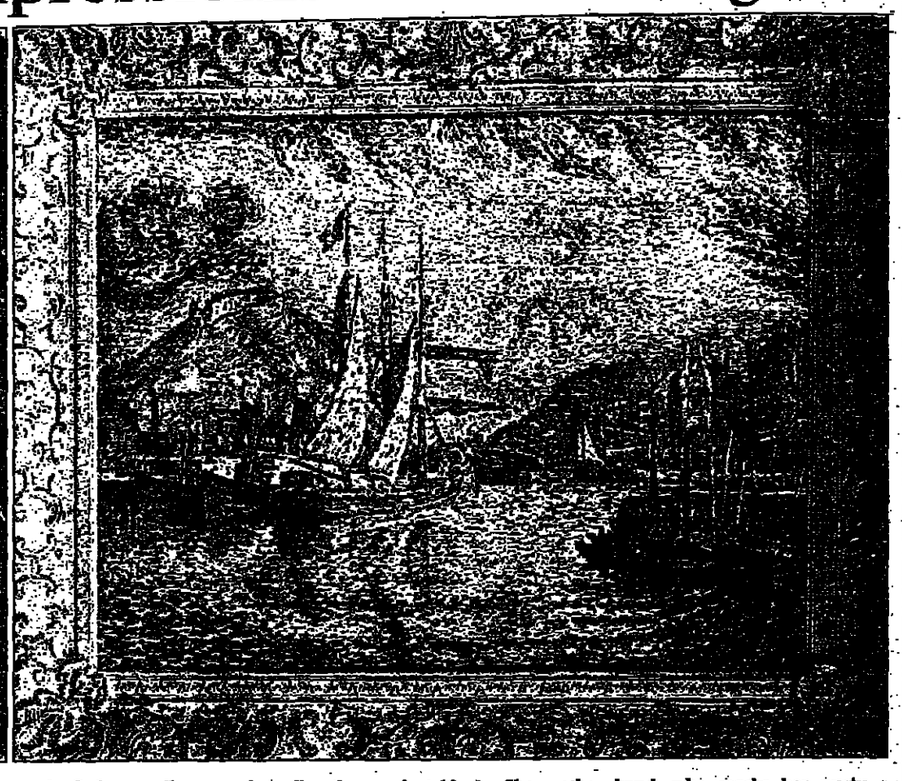

Masterpiece and masterful copy: both these paintings are on view in London this week. To the untrained eye, the subject is similar and the style the same (Sarah Jane Checkland writes). The harbour scene of St Tropez, *Le Port au Soleil Couchant*, by Paul Signac, left, is up for auction at Sotheby's forthcoming impressionist sales for an estimated £850,000. The other French scene, Signac's *Cherbourg: Fort du Roule*, is priced at £3,750. The reason for the discrepancy is that the second is by the young copyist Susie Ray. As Sotheby's displays its best offering of impressionist paintings for four years, Ray is upstaging them by exhibiting her impressionist copies. The auctioneers are previewing highlights from their New York and London May sales at Bond Street today. They boast a Matisse, *The Washerwoman* by Daumier, valued at £2 million, the most important painting by him at auction according to the expert Michel Strauss, and two works by Cézanne, including a still-life valued at £7 million. Ray's exhibition starts at the Cadogan gallery tomorrow, and includes Modigliani's work and Gauguin's. Monet also appears in both displays, with a winter scene at Sotheby's estimated at £2 million and *Waterloo Bridge* by Ray at £3,100. A scientific illustrator by training, Ray, 34, researches the materials that were used by the impressionists and applies them painstakingly. She ensures accuracy in capturing a given composition by projecting a slide of the original work on to her canvas and delineating the outline. The finished painting is placed in a frame made to match that chosen by the original artist. Sotheby's has suffered a dramatic fall in support by collectors. Ray, on the other hand, who marks her works "Susie Ray Originals" on the back, has enjoyed steady business during the slump. Some clients have been owners of genuine works who have been forced to sell and want a souvenir. Ray's favourites are ordinary people who, unable to afford an original, want the best form of reproduction.

Social workers 'bribed girl' to endorse sex abuse tales

By Ray Clancy

■ Victims of the Orkney abuse scandal today break their silence about the trauma of not being believed by social workers

TWO of the girls involved in the Orkney child abuse scandal have spoken for the first time about being taken from their home and what it was like to be put in care. One of the sisters describes how adults, including social workers, would not listen to what she had to say and how she begged to be allowed home.

Their accounts indicate that the child-care system in Scotland is unable to deal with such cases, and come amid calls for a new enquiry into what happened on the island of South Ronaldsay.

The girls, who cannot be identified for legal reasons, are from the W family, which was at the centre of allegations on the island that a child sex abuse ring, involving a number of families and the local minister, met in quarries for orgies. This led to nine children being taken by social workers in early morning raids in 1990.

In April 1989, one of them was taken to Ferintosh children's home at Conon Bridge, Highland, for assessment after allegations of intersibling abuse. The father had already been convicted of sexually abusing his children. She said: "They started the questioning the moment I went in. I was put in a room with a piece of paper and a pen and told to write down what happened, and if I didn't write it down I wasn't coming out. I got bribed with a pair of new shoes. I was told that if I said something more I could have two pairs."

She was particularly upset at a children's panel hearing, a sitting where a team of lay people listen to the case and decide what should happen to the child. "I saw mum. I begged for her to take me home. It was like they [the panel] were ignoring me. They kept saying, 'No, you don't really want to go home, you are just saying that because an abused child still loves the abuser.' "

Afterwards, she ran outside in front of the car that was taking her mother home. "Mum was crying, I was bawling my eyes out, but we were totally ignored by the social workers."

She was allowed home eventually, but was taken into care again with seven of her brothers and sisters. "They [social workers] started bugging me about this black magic stuff and saying that everybody was involved. At times I thought I was never going to live through it, the constant badgering." She came close to believing the adults. "Your mind goes; it's like being a zombie. You just say something to make them happy."

Both girls are no longer in the care of the local authority, but psychologists say their brothers and sisters, who are still not allowed back to live with their mother, have spoken in similar terms.

Their father, who was released from prison last October, has been telephoning the family home and writing letters. The eldest of the two girls said: "I can feel his power. I remember what he made me do and how he made me watch. I used to think that he needed help, that he would change, *but he is just evil.*"

Dr David Reid, a consultant paediatrician at the Medical Institute for Research into Child Cruelty, has written a book about the Orkney case, *Suffer the Little Children*. He said the system of child care in Scotland should be reformed. "The Orkney cases, and in particular the accounts given by the children themselves, show how vulnerable they can be. It can take only five minutes to persuade a child to say anything that you want."

A copy of these interviews is being sent to MPs who have expressed concern about the case by the Orkney Seven Action Group, which was set up to campaign for the release of the W children who are still in care. "There should be an immediate investigation of these matters as children are still being badgered," the group said.

Lord Clyde chaired a £6 million public enquiry into the case of the nine children last year and criticised social workers and Orkney Islands Council for the way the cases were handled. Paul Lee, the director of social work, has refused to resign despite many calls for him to do so. The council has so far refused to apologise for the treatment the families received, despite admitting that they were innocent.

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Hungry for love: Martin waits for his German mate to arrive at London zoo

Zoos play cupid to save tigers

By Michael Hornsby

A BLIND date between Martin, a six-year-old male tiger at London zoo, and Mira, a five-year-old female from Bremerhaven zoo in Germany, could help to save one of the world's most endangered animals from extinction.

Their computer-selected date is part of a programme to breed the Sumatran tiger, of which there are only 600 left in the world. Martin is "just raring to go" according to Douglas Richardson, who manages the animal collection at Regent's Park. "Mira, who should arrive in the next six weeks, is proven fertile. I am confident that Martin will do the business and that by October we will have tiger cubs at London zoo for the first time in more than 25 years."

Mira is pure-bred and has genes that are inadequately represented in Sumatran tigers in captivity in Europe. There are two female tigers at London, Rimau and Kiawang, one of which Martin is "madly in love with", but they may have hybrid blood. Inbreeding leads to infertility, higher cub mortality and less resistance to disease.

There are about 200 Sumatran tigers in zoos in Europe, the United States, Australia and Indonesia. Sarah Christie, an assistant curator at London zoo who is compiling the European stud book, said: "We estimate that all the Sumatran tigers in Europe are descended from 14 animals."

Potter savages critics and demands reform of press

By A Staff Reporter

A SAVAGE attack on critics of the Channel 4 drama series *Lipstick on Your Collar* was made last night by its writer, Dennis Potter.

He used the platform of *Opinions*, the Channel 4 series on the state of the nation, to denounce Britain's "prostituted press" and to call for a reform of the law governing the ownership of newspapers and television franchises. He launched personal attacks on editors, journalists and proprietors, including Rupert Murdoch, chairman of The News Corporation, which has international interests in newspapers and television.

Mr Potter said he had been stung into his criticisms by hostile newspaper comment upon the alleged sensationalism and bad faith of *Lipstick on Your Collar*. "Unlike most people who are abused by these papers, I have the chance to answer back," he said.

He cited descriptions of himself as "Television's Mr Filth" in the *News of the World* or "Old Flakey" in *The Sun*, both of which are owned, as is *The Times*, by News Corp. In an unusual riposte by a dramatist against his critics, he named a number of individuals for scathing insults. He picked out for particular attention the journalist Nicola Tyrer, who had commented unfavourably upon the violence of his new series in *The Daily Telegraph*, *Daily Mail* and on Radio 4.

He admitted that his stance was based upon "more than a due measure of paranoia and self pity". But, speaking only an hour before the fifth part of *Lipstick on Your Collar* was broadcast last night, he defended the provenance of fiction to go "into the heart of darkness" in order to try to see the light.

"If we hunger to know where God dwells in holy grief, then we must look to where and how the abused, the weak, the wounded and the desperate ply their lives. Religion is not the bandage, it is the wound. And in this secular age, when more than ever before the money men outside the temple try to own the insides of our heads, drama is one of its last expressions."

Mr Potter said that one of the crucial differences between right and wrong was the ability to distinguish between truth and lies. This was an issue which, he said, did not "especially trouble" most newspapers. "The standards of Britain's tabloid press are not ones which would be allowed within shooting distance of a television news room, which is why so many of these papers spend so much time attacking television in general and the BBC in particular."

Mr Potter defended British television against charges that it was elitist and paternalistic. The public service ethos had given Britain the "least worst" television in the world, he argued. Paternalism was a compromised word. "But call it what you will, we need some barriers to delay or deter the vandals, and to insist that the dollar and the pound are not the only measures of human culture.

"Let us begin by properly enforcing cross-ownership provisions .... no newspaper should own any part of any television company and vice versa. Second, no person or group should own more than one daily, one evening and one Sunday paper."

EC 'will transform UK constitution'

By Michael Dynes, Whitehall Correspondent

EUROPE'S growing influence and the relentless squeeze on public spending will have transformed Britain's constitution by the end of the decade, according to a report published today.

The report, *Modernising British Government*, by the European Policy Forum, says greater co-operation with our European partners "will increasingly colour all aspects of public policy formation in Britain".

The forum is a recently formed free-market think-tank in support of the nascent Conservative party campaign for evolutionary rather than revolutionary constitutional change.

The report says radical reforms will be needed to enable Britain's overburdened machinery of government to cope with the volume of business coming from Brussels. These are likely to include a new minister for Europe and new powers allowing Commons' select committees to scrutinise proposed EC legislation in advance.

Such constitutional changes can be expected to go hand-in-hand with a continued clampdown on public spending. This, in turn, will put a new premium on improving the quality of public services as envisaged by the citizen's charter initiative, the report says.

The report's authors argue that Margaret Thatcher's attempt to modernise the British economy during the 1980s was not accompanied by any related effort to modernise the institutions of government. As a result, Britain faced considerable difficulties "adapting to Europe".

Dismissing calls for root-and-branch constitutional reform, as advocated by organisations such as Charter 88, the report nonetheless insists that some fine tuning will be necessary if Britain is to survive and flourish in the emerging post-Cold war European order.

Whether or not the Maastricht Treaty is ratified, further constitutional development in Europe is inevitable, the report says. The compromise between Europe's centralising and decentralising impulses, as represented by the principle of subsidiarity, is unstable and will have to be reassessed.

Britain's form of ministerial government will have to be adapted to the needs of the Community, the report says. This could mean developing continental-style cabinet government, where ministers are backed by a dedicated group of civil servants and policy advisers.

Ransome's signals fly again

Fans of the children's author Arthur Ransome gathered near Windermere, Cumbria, at the weekend to witness the recreation of a signalling system he devised in the 1920s to contact a friend before they had telephones.

Ransome was living three-quarters of a mile across Winster Valley from his friend Edward Kelsall. As they could see each other's house, they invented a system of painted wire frames on which they hung a triangle, square and cross to make 80 signals.

On Saturday, Mr Kelsall's sons Dick and Desmond, who had watched their father use the system half a century ago, hoisted new signals through a pulley up the side of a barn at their father's house while Ransome's nephew Arthur Lupton did the same thing on the other side of the valley.

Driver dies

John Chilvers, 21, of West Horndon, Essex, died after his car burst into flames when he lit a cigarette. Fumes from a gallon can of petrol on the seat beside him are thought to have ignited.

Paisley church

Ian Paisley has dedicated a new church at Lowestoft, Suffolk, where his son Kyle is the minister. The building is believed to be the first purpose-built on the mainland for his Free Presbyterian Church.

Speedy end

John Wilson, 50, of Eccleston, Cheshire, sold his 170mph Ferrari for £47,425 at Sotheby's car auction London when a ticket for speeding made him realise the car was too fast for British roads.

Cat-nap plea

Andy Cook, 35, a vet from Ludlow, Shropshire, has asked Land Rover to put a grille over the fan blade to stop cats climbing into engine compartments for warmth.

Skydiver killed

Andrew Woodmansey, 33, of Wansford, Cambridgeshire, part of a skydiving team, died when his parachute collided with another team member at Daytona Beach, Florida.

Slow lanes

Work begins today on widening the M1 in Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire. Drivers can learn of progress on a transport department phone number: 0203 535315.

Girl drowns

Police are investigating after a four-year-old girl, who has not yet been named, died in a drowning accident at Grimsby leisure centre, Humberside.

Bond winners

Winners in the weekly premium bonds prize draw are: £100,000, number 21HF 894291, who lives in Kingston upon Thames (value of holding £10,000); £50,000, 35TB 228838, Stoke-on-Trent (£2,611); £25,000, 14PW 703277, Wiltshire (£1,539).

Yeltsin plays for high stakes as he puts case to people

BY ANNE MCELVOY, MOSCOW CORRESPONDENT

PRESIDENT'S GAMBLE

■ Emergency rule is a risky venture but Boris Yeltsin made sure of the army's loyalty before catching his enemies unaware

SATURDAY night in Russia is traditionally spent *en famille* in front of the television set, so President Yeltsin's declaration that he was invoking direct presidential rule was timed to reach the maximum number of his compatriots and lodge in their hitherto indifferent heads the message that the final battle has been joined between the forces of radical reform and implacable reaction.

For all his miscalculations of the past 15 months, Mr Yeltsin is still master of this kind of populist detail, choosing the most dashing and unexpected way out of his impasse with the legislature by simply announcing that he is in charge, pending a referendum.

Emergency rule carries a high risk, both for its instigator and for peace in Russia. But without it, the drain of power and authority to which the Kremlin leader has recently succumbed risked becoming a sickness unto death for himself and his reforms. Its timing has been carefully planned. After his robust defeat by Congress earlier this month he did not, as his excitable aides urged, rush straight to the television station to declare direct rule. He has allowed a week to pass — long enough to lull his enemies into a state of gloating complacency as attested by Ruslan Khasbulatov, the parliamentary chairman, being caught out in Kazakhstan when the news came.

The gap has given him ample time to prepare for the consequences of such a move — he is well aware that he triumphed so rapidly during the coup of August 1991 *because the plotters were ill-prepared* — and opportunity to assure himself individually of the support of his ministers, security council and senior generals. He did not, however, manage to win over Aleksandr Rutskoi, his ambitious vice-president, whose unenthusiastic response to the developments will cause the president the greatest concern. Despite Mr Yeltsin's call for a vote of confidence in himself and his deputy, Mr Rutskoi refused to sign the decree, and the early signs are that he is laying down his claim to succeed Mr Yeltsin.

By coupling emergency rule with the call for a referendum on April 25, Mr Yeltsin has circumvented accusations of autocratic behaviour. The key question in the run-up to the referendum is how the army will behave. Pavel Grachev, the defence minister, has pledged that the military will stay out of politics, but he cuts an increasingly nervous figure and his personal loyalty to Mr Yeltsin based on their co-operation in August 1991 cannot be taken as representative of feeling in the senior ranks.

The Russian military is not a politicised entity: it lost its ideological identity with the demise of the Soviet Union. The officers and above want a leader who will rule with dignity and a strong hand, guaranteeing them a significant role. The troops just want to be well fed, well housed and well paid. Mr Yeltsin, with his pro-Western foreign policy and economic difficulties, has satisfied neither group, and Mr Rutskoi as a former Afghan fighter pilot and member of the military-industrial lobby could well pull them away from Mr Yeltsin if he decides to throw in his lot with the parliamentary opposition.

The shrillest voice in the coming days will be that of Mr Khasbulatov, whose activities as the parliamentary chairman have brought the power struggle to a head. He is intent on maintaining his role as the chief enemy of Mr Yeltsin. But his chances of snatching power are slim — as an ethnic Chechen he would be unacceptable to the majority of Russians — and even the anti-Yeltsin conservatives are likely to find his mixture of paranoia, megalomania and fanaticism reason to ditch him for someone more solid when his usefulness in destabilising the status quo is at an end.

Russian history is rich in peripeteia, but few are as dramatic as that now being played out in Moscow. Thus President Yeltsin who effectively secured himself the leadership of post-communist Russia by braving the KGB snipers to stand on a tank outside the White House to defend the Russian parliament and damning the "Emergency Committee" of coup plotters to hell now finds himself declaring the suspension of constitutional rule, calling it an "emergency measure" and disempowering the same parliament he once defended. Although not a man renowned for his introspective qualities, he must curse himself for allowing matters to develop thus far. His fateful error was in failing to impose a democratic infrastructure on Russia's political institutions in the immediate aftermath of the coup when his personal popularity was at its height and the anti-Bolshevik mood would have facilitated the dissolution of the Soviet-style Congress. Left untackled, the rubber-stamp chamber *metamorphosed* into a kangaroo court and the unhealthy ambition of Mr Khasbulatov coupled with strategic mistakes by Mr Yeltsin did the rest to bring about disaster.

The imposition of absolute Kremlin authority by a figure whose popularity at home and support abroad are based on his commitment to lead the country out of monopoly rule rather than back into a reincarnation of it is fraught with peril. But the call for a referendum has ended the vacillation which was driving people into a slough of apathy. Their response to the open confrontation will determine which road Russia takes. They will not be able to say they were not given a clarion wake-up call.

Finest hour: Mr Yeltsin, standing atop a Soviet army tank in August 1991, calls for civil disobedience

Defence chief closes ranks behind leader

BY MICHAEL EVANS, DEFENCE CORRESPONDENT

THE pledge of support for Boris Yeltsin by General Pavel Grachev, the Russian defence minister, and the two other key security ministers gave a clear warning yesterday to his opponents that the military were backing the president.

The backing of General Grachev, a chain-smoking former airborne forces commander who won a reputation for heroism in the war in Afghanistan, was crucial for President Yeltsin. With General Grachev behind him, as well as Viktor Barannikov, the security minister, and Viktor Yerin, the interior minister, Mr Yeltsin could rely on the loyalty of the three most important army divisions closest to Moscow. These are the

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Taman Guards motor rifle division and Kantemir Guards tank division, both about 25 miles out of Moscow, and the Tula airborne division, 80 miles south of the capital. Interior ministry troops near Moscow would also remain loyal.

To emphasise the strength of armed support for the presidency, Mr Yeltsin also signed a decree yesterday ordering the creation of a new *presidential regiment*, based on military units that currently guard the Kremlin. The decree instructed the ministries of defence and security to come up with new regulations and a design for new uniforms for the presidential regiment within six months.

The Kremlin regiment currently comes under the command of the Moscow military region and is composed of both regular army and security ministry troops, formerly the KGB. The regiment consists of more than 1,000 armed troops.

The role of the military has been one of the key factors in the power game between Mr Yeltsin and his opponents, even though General Grachev had said that the army would stay out of politics. The Taman and Kantemir divisions were both mobilised during the coup of August 1991. They were ordered to Moscow by Marshal Dmitri Yazov, then defence minister and one of the principal plotters.

The divisions, each about 11,000-strong, arrived on the streets of Moscow, stretching back over about eight miles. But they became clogged up in the crowds and traffic, and the soldiers, led by the junior officers, refused to confront the people who had risen up in support of Mr Yeltsin. Troops from the Taman division openly supported Mr Yeltsin, protecting him with tanks.

The Russian army is filled with politicians, yet it has a tradition, of which it is proud, of not becoming involved in unconstitutional acts. Today the Russian army is in disarray and the same loyalties towards Moscow no longer apply, especially among units based thousands of miles from the capital. However, there is no evidence of mutiny.

Peter Viger, of the Soviet studies centre at Sandhurst military academy, said there was a danger that troops located in the Far East and other remote regions would take no notice of the political battles in Moscow and go their own way. But the troops would pose no threat to Mr Yeltsin, he said.

The principal players in the army, as far as Mr Yeltsin was concerned, were the three divisions around Moscow. Yesterday's declaration by General Grachev and the other government ministers made it clear that he could count on the loyalty of these divisions.

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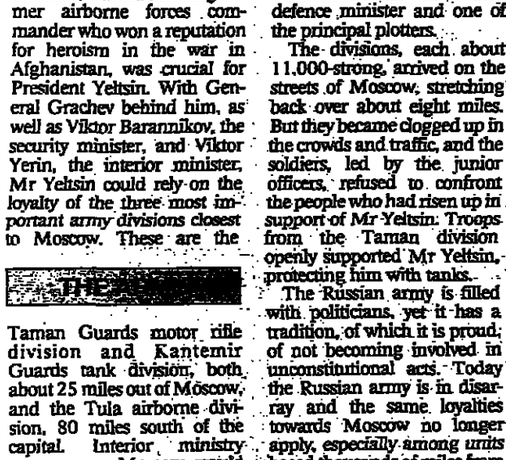

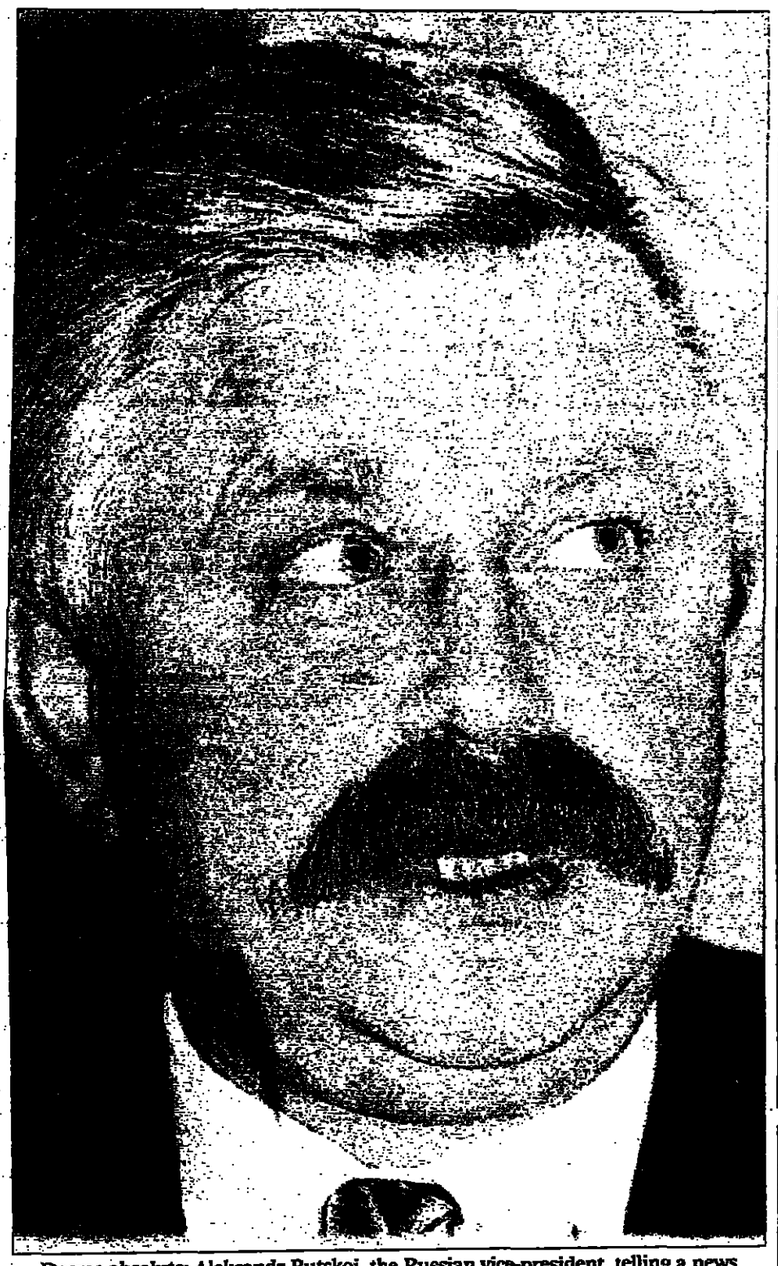

Decree absolute: Aleksandr Rutskoi, the Russian vice-president, telling a news conference that he refused to sign a decree giving Mr Yeltsin special powers

Clinton summit still on course

BY MARTIN FLETCHER IN WASHINGTON AND MICHAEL EVANS

BORIS Yeltsin was given the West's backing yesterday after he declared special rule by decree to try to break the deadlock with his opponents.

President Clinton issued a statement backing "Russia's only democratically elected leader" in what he called his bid to "break the political impasse in Russia by letting the Russian people decide their future".

The White House and Congress both followed developments in Moscow with extreme apprehension. The administration had earlier privately warned the Russian leader that it could not endorse the use of troops.

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Officials said Mr Clinton would go ahead with his summit with Mr Yeltsin in Vancouver at the beginning of April, and still intended to use the occasion to announce an aid package. They said a meeting of Group of Seven officials to agree additional economic help for Russia would take place later in April.

Britain, Germany, France, Italy, The Netherlands, Austria and Denmark also pledged support.

Carl Bildt, the Swedish prime minister, said he regretted Mr Yeltsin's decree. A German government spokesman said Bonn hoped Mr Yeltsin's decree would bring a peaceful solution to the power struggle in Russia.

In Paris, the French foreign ministry said it hoped moves towards democracy would continue in order to enable Russians to express their will. It added, however, that human rights and civil liberties must be respected. Roland Dumas, the French foreign minister, said the situation in Russia was becoming dangerous and gave a warning of instability in the region.

Bulgaria, Moscow's closest ally under communism, also spoke out for Mr Yeltsin.

Games among politicians fail to excite Muscovites

FROM ANATOL LIEVEN IN MOSCOW

THE MOOD ON THE STREET

The struggle for power in Moscow is being fought by the politicians and small groups of their supporters amid a sea of popular apathy. This could be a good thing for President Yeltsin if he now moves physically to dissolve the Russian parliament. But it is a bad omen for the referendum that he has called for April 25 in the hope of mass backing for presidential rule.

As tensions rose in the parliament and the Kremlin, with the army standing by, most Russians yesterday went about their Sunday business as normal. A considerable number had not bothered to listen either to Mr Yeltsin's speech or to the response by his enemies which followed. "I have no real opinion yet, because I went to a party last night and we all got drunk", Marina Rodina, a co-operative worker in St Petersburg, said. "When I got home, I tried to listen to Rutskoi and Zorkin but I fell asleep."

Only a small minority of people seemed seriously worried about the possibility of civil war. "These are just games among the politicians," an elderly woman said. "Ordinary Russians will never fight each other on their orders." So far there is a complete absence of the atmosphere of mass hysteria which preceded outbreaks of violence in other parts of the former Soviet Union and Eastern Europe.

Most ordinary Russians still believe that the crisis will be resolved peacefully. Young people are particularly apathetic — "they are all more interested in making money", as a pensioner at the pro-Yeltsin demonstration declared. Both the demonstration of a thousand or so people in support of Mr Yeltsin and the larger meeting of his opponents outside the Russian parliament were heavily dominated by the elderly. War veterans on both sides used the argument of their past services and sufferings to appeal for popular support.

Only a few ordinary people seemed worried by any damage Mr Yeltsin may have done to the constitution. In this sense, the denunciation of the president by Valeri Zorkin, the Supreme Court chairman, is not having much impact on the population.

Mr Yeltsin's existing opponents pointed to concentrated more on attacking him for destroying the Soviet Union and failing to fulfil his promises of economic improvement. Among the rest of the population, Mr Yeltsin's move seems to have won greater respect, in keeping with the Russian tradition of admiration for strong leaders.

"He should have taken firm steps a long time ago", a taxi driver said, echoing a widespread sentiment. "Now, I'm afraid it is too late. The people are divided and they are fed up with him as well as with the parliament, because things have only got worse."

While supporters of Mr Yeltsin declared that the referendum is the only way for the people to express their will, ordinary people opposing him almost all called for new elections for both the president and the parliament as the only way out.

The bulk of the officer corps of the armed forces and police appear to be sitting on the fence. The ministers of defence, the interior and security (the former KGB) were all appointed by Mr Yeltsin, but they are likely to see their first duty as that of avoiding a split in the ranks of their forces. This would probably lead most commanders, as during the Communist counter-revolution of August 1991, to try to avoid taking any stand.

"The armed forces are not a monolith and every officer has *his own opinion*", an air force lieutenant colonel said. "We have been told to keep out of politics, and that is what we want to do."

Whichever side wins in Moscow this week, strong forces in the Russian provinces will denounce its rule as unconstitutional and refuse to accept its decrees. To bring such areas to heel would require the use of at least limited force, which means that in this crisis, as in previous Russian power struggles, where the loyalties of the army lie could prove crucial.

'A civilised way out without tanks or barricades'

PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS

THE following are extracts from the text of President Yeltsin's address on Saturday:

Fellow countrymen: In June 1991 you elected me president, entrusted the government of the Russian Federation state to me. Then, for the first time in the thousand-year history of the country, a choice was made, a choice of head of state. The choice was extremely tough and responsible: either head down the communist dead-end or begin reforms to take the road of progress.

Thanks to you, real transformations have been begun in the country. New forms of life are being asserted in Russia by our joint efforts. But this is going too slowly and it is too hard. The country can no longer live in an atmosphere of perpetual crisis of powers; faced with such a waste of strength we will never slide out from our poverty.

Today it is clear that the root of all the problems lies not in the conflict between executive and legislative power, not in the conflict between congress and president. Its essence goes deeper, it is in the deep contradiction between the people and the former Bolshevik system, hostile to the people, which has not yet disintegrated, which today is again striving to renew its lost power over Russia. I want to say simply to you: it [the eighth Congress of People's Deputies] stepped back in a cowardly way from the solution of the question of early elections. In the concluding speech of the Speaker [Ruslan Khasbulatov], a call for the renewal of the Cold War could be heard. The congress and the Supreme Soviet declare any decision they take constitutional, nothing can stop them.

So, let's look at the results. The congress allowed the leadership of the Supreme Soviet to set in motion the wheels of an anti-constitutional coup. As before, the Supreme Soviet, unimpeded, commands the bank and extra-budgetary foundations; if this is not stopped, it will worsen the financial crisis in future, the chaos with [debt] repayments will continue, with salary payments, pension increases, unreasonable taxes and so on in Russia as if there were two governments, one constitutional and the other in the Supreme Soviet.

Because of this, after numerous consultations I have taken the following decision: today I signed a decree on special rule until the overcoming of the crisis of power. In accordance with the decree, on April 25, 1993, there will be a vote of confidence in the president and vice-president of the Russian Federation.

I have given the order to the defence ministry not to allow the use of the army for political ends. I am proposing a way out of the crisis that is civilised and based on the fundamental tenets of the constitution, without extreme or arbitrary measures, without tanks or barricades, without street rallies or strikes. You the citizens of Russia, will decide everything by your vote. *(Reuter)*

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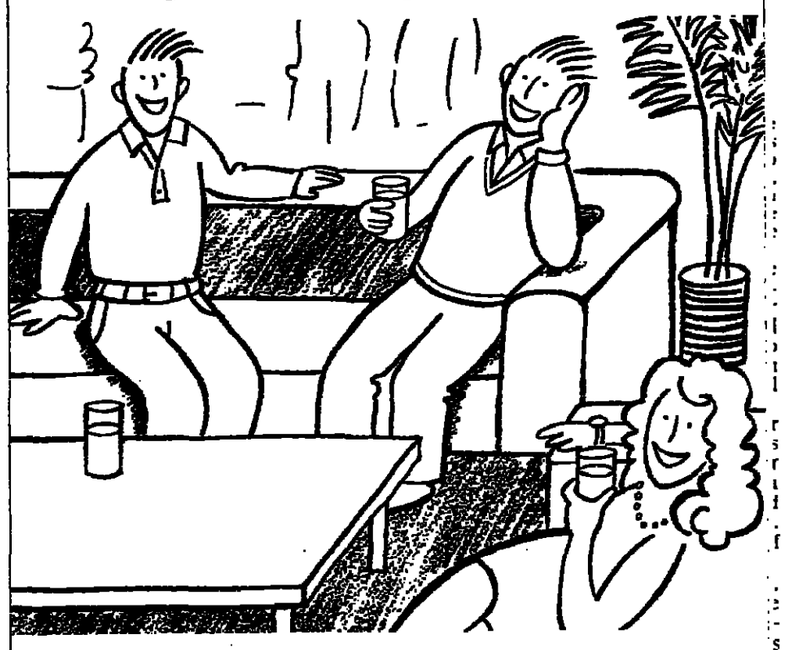

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Rabin recruits 2,000 extra police to tackle Arab unrest

FROM RICHARD BEESTON IN JERUSALEM

■ **Yitzhak Rabin is trying to contain rising Palestinian violence. Sniping from the right over security failings makes his task harder**

ISRAEL'S left-wing coalition government yesterday announced plans to strengthen the country's security, after further violence at the weekend left two Israeli soldiers and four Palestinians dead.

In the face of mounting public pressure to restore order, the Labour-led government of Yitzhak Rabin promised to recruit thousands of police officers, strengthen the country's civil guard, train civilians in the use of firearms and limit the number of Palestinian workers allowed into the Jewish state.

"This month we have had ten Israelis killed," said Amnon Rubinstein, the energy minister, after yesterday's lengthy meeting of the cabinet to deal with the public loss of confidence in the security forces. "On the streets of Israel, public safety is a major problem."

Up to 2,000 new officers will be trained in an effort to boost the police profile on the streets. The regular police force will be raised by between 2,000 and 3,000 men from the current 18,000, Israeli radio stations said. Most of the extra police will be deployed along the green line separating Israel from the occupied territories and inside the West Bank and Gaza.

Mr Rabin also made it clear that he wanted to reduce the estimated 150,000 Arab day workers who enter Israel and to tighten the screening process of those allowed in.

Major General Danny Rothschild, head of the military administration in the occupied territories, said yesterday that the authorities were trying to encourage investment in the Palestinian economy. The government wants to create jobs in the West Bank and Gaza Strip as an alternative for Arab workers in Israel.

"My assessment is that in the coming weeks and months the number of Palestinians finding work in Israel will decrease," said General Rothschild, who predicted that Israeli employers would reduce their Arab workforce in response to the rising violence.

It is not clear whether the measures announced yesterday will be enough to halt the growing casualty rate among both Arabs and Jews. For Mr Rabin, who returned early from an official trip to America to deal personally with the security problem, the issue could test seriously his claim to be the only leader who is capable of delivering peace with the Arabs while safeguarding the country's security.

His problems were highlighted on Saturday in the latest violent confrontations when Palestinian gunmen ambushed army patrols in two separate operations in the occupied Gaza Strip and the West Bank. Three men belonging to the the Qassem military wing of the outlawed Islamic Resistance Movement, Hamas, opened fire on an Israeli patrol in the Gaza refugee camp of Jabalya, killing Sergeant Yossi Shabtai before escaping.

Later, suspected members of the banned Democratic Front for the Liberation of Palestine opened fire with automatic weapons on an army vehicle near the Jewish settlement of Ariel, killing a second soldier and leaving two injured.

Israeli forces killed four Palestinians in the Gaza Strip in continued clashes at the Khan Yunis refugee camp, the scene of daily disturbances last week between soldiers and youths.

Ministers were quick to point out yesterday that the Palestinian groups involved in the latest operations were opponents of the Middle East peace talks and that their actions were intended to torpedo the scheduled resumption of negotiations in Washington on April 20. They also condemned the Israeli right-wing opposition, which lost no time in making political capital out of the rise in violence, and in particular criticised the rally by an estimated 4,000 militant Jewish settlers outside Mr Rabin's private residence in Tel Aviv on Saturday night.

"Public opinion in Israel is very responsible," said Yossi Sarid, the environment minister. "But it is known that Jewish settlers in the occupied territories, in the Gaza Strip and the West Bank, are not enthusiastic about the existence of this particular government. Whenever disaster occurs, they try to exploit the tragedy quite cynically."

Children 'tortured'

Cairo: Egypt's police were accused yesterday of torturing children and sexually abusing women as part of the tough action against Islamic fundamentalists (Christopher Walker writes).

The allegations were contained in a report by the Egyptian Organisation for Human Rights. "The police have widely arrested children whose ages range between eight and 15 and who have been subject to severe torture," the group said. It said mothers, wives and sisters of Islamic suspects had been tortured and sexually abused at the police station at Imbaba, a stronghold of Islamic activists.

Guarding her prize: a three-year-old Somali girl keeping an eye out as she eats breakfast at the Irish Concern feeding centre in Mogadishu, the Somali capital. About 250 children, orphaned by civil war and famine, have been taken in by a leper colony on an island north of the violent port of Kismayu. *Mikhtar Sheik Ali, the colony's head nurse,* said that, although the warring factions were too frightened to come near, the lepers posed no threat. *He has appealed to* Belgian troops, policing Kismayu as part of the American-led force in Somalia, to provide a blackboard so he can open a school. As one of the few functioning settlements in the area, the colony has become a haven for the orphans whose parents either starved to death or were killed in the clan warfare that has wrecked the country. The warlords are due to resume United Nations-sponsored peace talks in Addis Ababa, the Ethiopian capital, *today. Red Cross delegates are also meeting* to discuss security after all foreign staff was withdrawn from northern Mogadishu after *robbers took $180,000 (£124,000)* at gunpoint, officials said yesterday. The relief agency said the move would not affect its feeding centres because the Somali Red Crescent had responsibility. *(Reuter, AP)*

White student killed in Cape

FROM RAY KENNEDY IN JOHANNESBURG

VIOLENCE in South Africa claimed the life of another young white at the weekend, and tens of thousands of blacks marched yesterday to commemorate the Sharpeville massacre of 33 years ago.

It was reported yesterday that the killers of a 14-year-old boy and his mother, shot in their car outside Johannesburg on Friday, had intended to ambush a school bus. It is not known why they failed to carry out their plan.

The 18-year-old student who died late on Saturday night was killed by gunmen who attacked a remote country hotel. Police have offered a 100,000 rands (£22,000) reward for information leading to the arrest of his killers. The reward is in addition to the 200,000 rands offered over Friday's killings and the 250,000 rands for the arrest of the gunmen who murdered six black children in KwaZulu earlier this month.

The student was shot on Saturday night at a hotel near Fort Beaufort in the Eastern Cape, 30 miles from King William's Town, where four whites were killed by gunmen of the armed wing of the Pan Africanist Congress at a golf club Christmas party.

East of Johannesburg, a man was shot and wounded outside his home in Katlehong township yesterday as he watched Inkatha supporters return from a Sharpeville rally in the adjoining Vosloorus township. A big ANC rally had been held in Katlehong earlier.

Both the ANC and Inkatha had reached agreement with the police and the South African Defence Force on strict marshalling to keep their supporters apart. But as the Inkatha marchers left the rally, they tried to veer off the heavily guarded route home to confront ANC supporters.

The ANC said a car carrying four United Nations observers was stoned in Katlehong. One of the occupants was slightly hurt.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Bombing suspects disappear

Bombay: Two suspects in the Bombay bombings ten days ago have left Dubai after India requested their extradition (Christopher Thomas writes). Police say they were central figures in planning the blasts, which killed more than 300 people.

Brigadier Dhahi Khalfan, the Dubai police chief, has told India that Yakub Memon and his brother Ismail "Tiger" Memon have fled, possibly to Saudi Arabia.

Delors aims to clarify EC role

Brussels: Jacques Delors, head of the European Commission, is drawing up plans for a "Freedom of Information Act" to improve the Commission's image. The act will help to improve the "transparency" of EC decision-making.

Wife held back

Cairo: Police have prevented the younger wife and four children of Shaikh Omar Abdel-Rahman, exiled spiritual leader of Egypt's Islamic militants, from boarding a plane to Jeddah. *(Reuter)*

Amnesty deal

San Salvador: El Salvador has agreed an amnesty for people accused of civil war atrocities, despite a UN recommendation that some government and rebel officials be barred from office. *(AP)*

Saints named

Vatican City: The Pope has created two new saints by canonising Claudine Thevenet, an 18th-century French nun and Juana Fernandez Solar, better known as Teresa de Jesus of Chile, who died in Santiago in 1919. *(Reuter)*

Shell shock

Perth: A giant fossilised egg has been discovered at a beach in Western Australia. It is believed to be at least 15,000 years old and from the giant elephant bird of Madagascar. *(Reuter)*

Allied parties of the right manoeuvre to gain upper hand in next round of voting

Conservative rivals vie for position in race to be president

FROM CHARLES BREMNER IN PARIS

AFTER a first-round vote that was expected to confirm the predicted rout of the Socialist party, France today enters a week of intense political infighting that will help decide which conservative group runs the government. The shape of the future opposition will emerge at the same time.

Not since the 1950s have the French parties been less certain about the tactics to adopt to take maximum profit from the second round of a voting system designed to amplify the impact of the popular vote. The final round next Sunday will determine whether the Gaullists or centre-right UDF group dominate the government and will signal whether or not France is likely to turn inwards and embark on a possible collision course with its European partners. Support for the RPR and UDF broke down almost 50-50, according to early computer predictions.

President Mitterrand will choose a prime minister from the group which wins most seats next Sunday and will ask whoever he chooses to form a government that will share power with him in uneasy "cohabitation". At the weekend Jacques Chirac, the leader of the RPR (Gaullist) party, fired a warning shot, telling M Mitterrand that he did not recognise his claim to "pre-eminence" in decisions affecting defence and foreign policy once a conservative government came to power.

For the two conservative leaders, M Chirac and Valéry Giscard d'Estaing, bitter rivals for the past 16 years, the voters' final choice will determine which of them controls the government and gains a launching pad for the race to succeed M Mitterrand. If the RPR prevails, M Chirac says he wants Edouard Balladur, his lieutenant, to take the prime minister's post while he stays aloof from the fray. M Giscard d'Estaing, who lost the presidency to M Mitterrand in 1981, is likely to accept an offer from the president, although M Mitterrand could approach another member of the UDF group.

The RPR and UDF agreed not to run against each other in all but 80 seats, but with the outcome of yesterday's vote expected to be close, a handful of contests between surviving candidates could tip the scales. M Giscard d'Estaing's UDF, which was the underdog in the last "cohabitation" government, from 1986-88, is reluctant to order candidates to step aside in favour of Gaullists because they believe they could be the main beneficiaries of the second electoral round.

Disillusioned Socialist voters, they argue, are more likely to support their milder conservatism than the more robust nationalism of the Gaullists. This tendency could also mean that voters could in the second round swing back to left-wing or ecologist candidates rather than endorse a Gaullist. Those who abstained in the first round could also try to prevent a Gaullist victory.

Whichever conservative party dominates, the other could drift into a state of semi-opposition, distancing itself to prepare for the two-year presidential campaign which effectively starts next week.

France's European partners are anxiously awaiting the outcome of the election after the conservatives, and the Gaullists in particular, took an aggressive nationalist stance in the campaign. M Chirac has promised rapid action to defend industry and scrap the new common agricultural policy, even if it means provoking a crisis in the Community. He will, he says, consider the EC-US farm accords of last November to be null and void. The promises have already unnerved Germany, which has been signalling its concern that France could be embarking on isolationism. Popular resentment towards Europe has even swayed the normally pro-Community M Giscard d'Estaing. He promised to defend French farmers and said he would seek a better CAP deal.

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Prime mover: Edouard Balladur, the former finance minister, casting his vote in Paris yesterday. Jacques Chirac, the RPR leader, wants M Balladur to be prime minister in a conservative government

Chic folk of Paris savour revenge

FROM TOM RHODES IN PARIS

THERE was *hardly a flicker* of the makeshift curtains of the salle d'audience yesterday as the well-heeled Parisians of the 16th arrondissement filed through the town hall to cast their votes in the first round of an election that they are convinced will finally re-establish the true values of the *haute bourgeoisie*.

If the rest of France was certain of an overwhelming triumph for the centre-right Union for French Democracy (UDF) and the neo-Gaullist Republican Assembly (RPR), then the chic ladies and gentlemen of this Right Bank district could imagine a victory nothing short of Napoleonic. With few exceptions, they appeared to have voted for Gilbert Gantier, a little-known deputy whose single credential, in the eyes of the 16th, is that he is a right-winger.

It is no coincidence that a district graced by the Avenue Foch and the Bois de Boulogne on one side and the Trocadero on the other should have wavered so little in its voting pattern over the years. Not unlike Knightsbridge or Belgravia, the inhabitants have the strongest tradition of conservatism to be found anywhere in the capital.

So laissez-faire have they become that by mid-afternoon yesterday, officials at this main polling station in the Avenue Henri Martin were predicting an unusually low turnout in the first round. While this did nothing to affect the outcome in the 16th, a similar pattern in other districts was expected to give the Socialists a higher percentage of the vote than had at first been predicted.

The French, unlike the Americans or indeed the British, are peculiarly loath to discuss their ballot papers. The few that do tend, as in the case of Maurice and Gilliane Mercadier, to preface their statements by saying their vote is, of course, a secret.

"We did vote for the right, however," said M Mercadier with a conspiratorial grin. "We have always voted for the right and this time we are voting to bring an end to that dishonest man, Mitterrand."

The young Turks, known as *Les Quadras* as none is actually younger than 40, are more concerned with the balance of power within the coalition of centre-right parties. While they see the benefits in a gerontocracy led by Jacques Chirac and Valéry Giscard d'Estaing for the duration of the election, they are eager that the two should step aside and make way for younger men.

Weary left prepares for 1995 victory

BY CHARLES BREMNER

IT WAS typical of France's upside-down elections this year that weary relief rather than mourning coloured the mood last night in the rue Solferino, the Left Bank headquarters of the once mighty Socialist Party.

"Thank God it's nearly over. Now we can get on with the future," said a young militant, surveying what was expected to be confirmation of the rout inflicted by an electorate which holds the party of President Mitterrand responsible for the present agonies of France, both real and imagined.

This curious reaction to expected defeat came about because the Socialists had already digested their disgrace and imminent banishment from power. Beset by internal feuds, blackened by scandal and bereft of ideas, the party disintegrated during the campaign. Their most successful fighters, Michel Rocard, Bernard Kouchner and the younger ministers of the outgoing government of Pierre Bérégovoy, spent less time defending the record of the Mitterrand administration, in which they had played a role, than in laying foundations for opposition and the rebirth of a new left-wing movement. They shunned even the words Socialist Party, campaigning under the banner of "Alliance for Progress", a platform opposed by the ruling body.

Frédérique Bredin, 37, the sports minister and youngest member of the government, is, for example, certain this week's defeat will clear the slate for future victory. "We are going to win in 1995 [the presidential election] because the French have absolutely no memory and the right is going to make a mess," she said before the election. She was expected to lose her parliamentary seat in Normandy by the second round of voting.

Dr Kouchner, the health and humanitarian action minister, who is rated in polls as the most popular political personality, has made no bones about the end of the era. "This will be the last campaign for the Socialist Party as we know it," he said.

M Rocard, 62, now hopes to rally round him a new formation, incorporating centrists and supporters of the ecology parties, to create the French equivalent of social democratic parties elsewhere in Europe. This, he hopes, will provide him with a platform to represent the left in the presidential election due in 1995.

Northern bastion begins to crumble

FROM SEAN MAC CARTHAIGH IN LILLE

AS THE polls closed in Lille last night, the foundations of the strongest bastion of French socialism began to crumble. Pierre Mauroy, the former prime minister and the prince of the industrial north, was watching his dreams fade away.

Last time, the voters of the Nord-Pas-de-Calais region voted as they always had in the past — for the left. They returned 26 Socialists and four Communists to the National Assembly, along with just eight right-wing deputies. Socialist party officials fear that by the second round next Sunday the figures may be reversed.

In the 1970s and 1980s dozens of buses ferried Belgian workers across the border every day to their factory jobs in the suburbs of Lille. Today the flow is in the opposite direction. Mouscron is a suburb of Lille, but it is in Belgium. The Rue de Couet runs downhill until it becomes the Rue de Mouscron. The signs that used to mark the border before January are gone, but there is still a way of telling where it is: the unemployment rate in Mouscron is 3 per cent; down the street it is 15 per cent.

"Do you know what politics is?" asked Robert Gardon, a 31-year-old unemployed factory worker. He drew a small pile of coins from his pocket and, looking towards the sky, emptied them into the other hand. "That's what it is all about," he said. M Gardon said he had voted for the centre-right UPF candidate "because it is their turn to have a go now".

The symbolic battleground for the region remained in the centre of town, Lille number one constituency. Here the duel between left and right carries high stakes, especially for M Mauroy, the mayor. M Mauroy had little difficulty beating Colette Godaccioni, the RPR candidate in 1988. Because he is now a senator, M Mauroy is not running for election but his protégé, Bernard Roman, hopes to retain the seat. The opinion polls last week gave the edge to Mme Godaccioni, predicting that in the second round she would pull away from her rival.

For twenty years M Mauroy has kept a wooden model of the Train de Grande Vitesse (TGV) on his desk; in seven weeks' time he will see the real thing in his local station. The TGV will travel at 215 miles per hour, making Paris only one hour from Lille.

Next May, the TGV line will be extended to Calais and the mouth of the Channel tunnel. A more direct route from London to Paris would have been through Amiens, but the train will go via Lille. M Mauroy intends to fight to keep control of his dream-come-reality, even if that means a complete remodelling of the Socialist party.

Scalfaro calls off trip over 'putsch'

FROM JOHN PHILLIPS IN ROME

PRESIDENT Scalfaro abruptly postponed a scheduled trip to Scandinavia at the weekend after remarks by Francesco Cossiga, his flamboyant predecessor, were interpreted by opposition leaders as creating an atmosphere potentially conducive to a military putsch.

Signor Cossiga, now a life senator, caused a storm last week when he told *La Stampa* he would envisage returning to head a government only if the chaos caused by the nationwide corruption scandal degenerated into violence and "if a minister were murdered on the steps of Montecitorio (parliament) ... if the *carabinieri* were firing on the people".

Achille Occhetto, the leader of the former Communist Democratic Party of the Left, accused Signor Cossiga of preparing the ground for a right-wing takeover by the *carabinieri*, the elite paramilitary unit that is known to include many neo-Fascist sympathisers. "What is said by the former president ... is disturbing," he said. Giuliano Amato, the prime minister, described Signor Cossiga's remarks as "hardly responsible".

Gianni Fontana, the agriculture minister, resigned yesterday after being told he faces investigation in Italy's huge corruption scandal. He is the fourth senior minister to quit.

Perot holds national vote to boost his role as ombudsman

FROM MARTIN FLETCHER IN WASHINGTON

NATIONAL referendums are the rage. President Yeltsin has demanded one. British Eurosceptics have argued that one should be held, after other countries voted on European union. Ross Perot wanted one on US government reform and deficit reduction. Last night he simply went ahead.

Mr Perot paid $500,000 (£340,000) for 30 minutes of peak-time national television to explain the issues. He paid $190,000 to put ballot papers in 15 million copies of a TV listings magazine. He sent the ballots to 10,000 newspaper editors across the country suggesting they be reprinted.

The 16 questions were patently loaded to produce huge majorities in favour, for example, of outlawing foreign lobbyists, curbing the influence of big money and ending government perks. Professional pollsters called it the "biggest polling hoax" in half a century. Yet hundreds of thousands of Americans were likely to respond, boosting Mr Perot's standing as America's self-appointed political ombudsman.

Perot: denies planning 1996 presidential run

Mr Perot spent $60 million in last year's presidential campaign and in November won a stunning 19 per cent of the vote. But he has refused to follow the script by fading away after his moment of glory. In fact, he has gone from strength to strength.

In January he launched a national grass-roots pressure group called United We Stand America. He is back on the talk shows, addresses packed rallies in different corners of America each weekend and, according to *The Washington Post*, his group already has more than a million members, giving it a larger base than either the Democratic or Republican parties.

Tacitly acknowledging Mr Perot's clout, President Clinton briefed him on the administration's economic plan before unveiling it. The president has dispatched Lloyd Bentsen, the treasury secretary and former Texas senator, to court his support, and he now regularly pays him the backhanded compliment of stealing his themes.

Congress invited Mr Perot to tell a committee on reform why the American people so despised their government, an opportunity he exploited to the hilt. A *Time* magazine poll yesterday showed 59 per cent of Americans approved of him. The Texian billionaire denies he is preparing for another presidential run in 1996.

Morillon secures fresh deal to evacuate Serbs from Tuzla

BY MICHAEL EVANS, DEFENCE CORRESPONDENT, AND TIM JUDAH IN BELGRADE

GENERAL Philippe Morillon, commander of United Nations forces in Bosnia, has reached agreement to evacuate Serbs from the northern Muslim stronghold of Tuzla, UN military sources said yesterday.

At the same time, UN sources in Sarajevo said they hoped to be able to use helicopters to evacuate more refugees from Srebrenica, in eastern Bosnia, but final approval was still awaited. Nikola Koljevic, the vice-president of the self-declared Bosnian Serb Republic, said that the Serbs had agreed to allow an airlift to evacuate the seriously wounded from the besieged town, but it did not mean a permanent air link could be established.

The first Serb families could be brought out tomorrow in the Belgian trucks used to take 700 Muslims to Tuzla from Srebrenica on Saturday. The new agreement was another remarkable success for the man from Casablanca, who has been hailed as the hero of Bosnia-Herzegovina by the thousands of Muslims trapped in Srebrenica.

Ever since he took command of the 7,000 UN troops in Bosnia, Gen Morillon has shown himself to be a man of considerable personal courage and extravagant gestures. The two characteristics combine effectively in Bosnia where gestures and bravery can save lives.

The Serbs want to control Srebrenica and the rest of eastern Bosnia so that they can negotiate from territorial strength when the real estate is carved up under a revised Vance/Owen Bosnian peace plan. But while the white-haired Frenchman stays in Srebrenica post office, the Serbs dare not target the town.

Morillon: has always avoided taking sides

While they have no compunction in slaughtering women and children, they cannot risk having the death of Gen Morillon on their hands. He has become a folk hero and untouchable.

Gen Morillon has built up such a reputation that it is hard to imagine the people of Srebrenica letting him go. While he stays, they believe he can prevent the Serbs from taking the town.

Gen Morillon was born in Casablanca in October 1935. He was commissioned as an armoured cavalry officer in 1956 and served in Algeria as a platoon leader in the Foreign Legion until 1962. As a young man he supported the French officers in Algeria who plotted against Charles de Gaulle in the early 1960s. But his career remained unaffected and he went on to win some of the most distinguished French decorations, including the Legion d'Honneur.

The Srebrenica affair is just the latest in a run of dilemmas which have faced the 57-year-old French general. This time he has chosen to nail his UN flag to the Muslim mast, but previously he has come under criticism from the Muslims for siding with the Serbs.

He has always avoided taking sides. Yet in Bosnia, it is impossible to remain impartial all the time. The suffering in Srebrenica compelled him to make a stand.

When Nato's Northern Army Group mobile headquarters was sent from Germany to Kiseljak in central Bosnia, alliance officials expected fireworks. France is not part of Nato's integrated command. The expectations were not realised. Gen Morillon is delighted to have such an efficient headquarters, which is run daily by a British officer, Brigadier Roderick Cordy-Simpson. Because his staff are so used to working together he is able to venture forth on his personal missions.

Major urged to send 8,000 peacekeeping troops for Bosnia

BY MICHAEL EVANS

THE government has been urged to deploy 8,000 troops in Bosnia-Herzegovina as part of the proposed United Nations peacekeeping force that will be sent once the three warring factions have signed an agreement and stopped fighting.

The figure, significantly larger than the peacekeeping force planned by the Ministry of Defence, was called for yesterday by Sir Nicholas Bonsor, chairman of the all-party Commons defence select committee. He has just returned with nine committee members from Washington, where they met General Colin Powell, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

Contingency planning by the Ministry of Defence envisages a brigade-size force of about 5,000 soldiers, which would include the 2,500 troops already stationed there. Their role would change from humanitarian aid work to peacekeeping, provided there was a genuine ceasefire. Under the ministry's plans, two additional battalions and extra headquarters staff would be needed to boost Britain's contribution in Bosnia to about 5,000. The government believes the army would be overstretched if more than one brigade were sent. Malcolm Rifkind, the defence secretary, has already reprieved four infantry battalions from amalgamation to provide extra men.

The Americans are now talking of a total UN force of 50,000-65,000, with about 25,000 being sent by the United States. Sir Nicholas said Britain would have to provide at least 8,000 soldiers, with another 8,000 from France, to ensure that the Europeans had "a credible voice" in the peace operation.

The rest of the UN force could be made up of Scandinavians and Russians, Sir Nicholas said, but he added that it would be unwise to have a large force of Russian troops since they supported the Serbs.

General Powell and other senior military commanders in Washington made it clear that, unless there were a genuine ceasefire, there would be no peacekeeping deal. Peacemaking would be out of the question.

The MPs were told that, even if half the troops were sent by Washington, the United States no longer demands that an American general should command the peacekeeping force. It seems certain that the headquarters of Nato's new rapid reaction corps will be at the heart of the peacekeeping operation. The corps is commanded by Lieutenant General Sir Jeremy Mackenzie, a Briton.

If the Europeans fail to provide enough troops, Washington may insist on an American commanding officer. Lt Gen Mackenzie is regarded as the most likely commander and General Philippe Morillon, the French commander of the 7,000 UN forces carrying out aid duties, is also a possible candidate.

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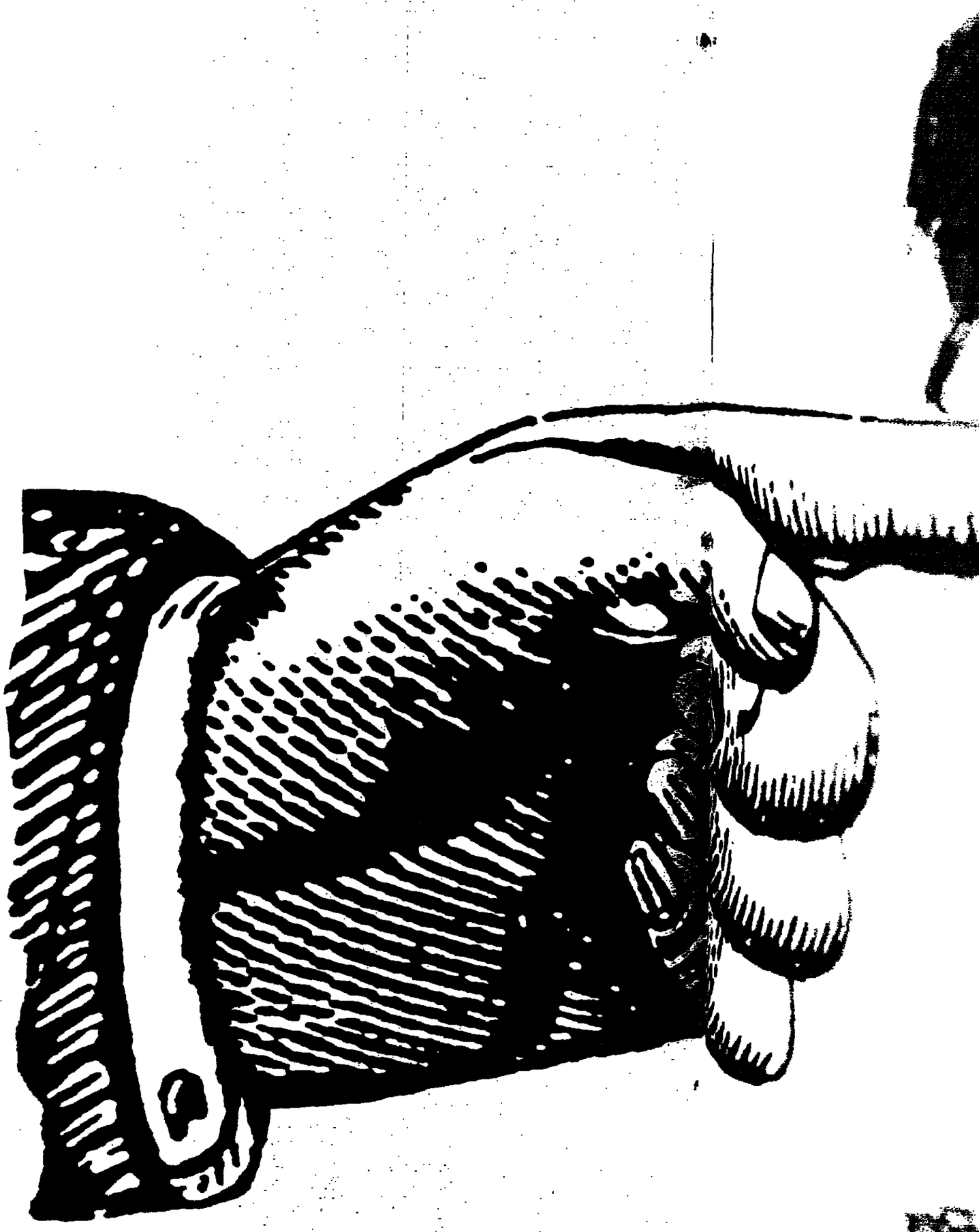

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Children today think they have an inalienable right to wander round the house wearing nothing thicker than a T-shirt

Mr Lamont's breath of fresh air

LIBBY PURVES

The mismanagement of the Budget announcement about VAT on domestic fuel was so breathtakingly inept that one could only suspect the government of recruiting advisers trained in the Buckingham Palace press office.

We had gallant pensioners worrying aloud on television, Ann Widdecombe prosing on about RPI adjustments filtering through, a backbench revolt, a prime ministerial reassurance. Norman Lamont's 82-year-old mother dragged out by the tabloids to aver stoutly that her boy did a good job and that she would gladly pay up; and then the crowning horror of the Liberal Democrat party-political with Alan Beith pontificating in front of a coal-effect fire. No, really, the government could have spared us all this. It need not have waited six whole days before hearing the first cheer for the new tax. It was a serious waste of green goodwill.

What Mr Lamont should have said, shooting his cuffs and twinkling around the chamber from beneath his great eyebrows, is: "We shall slap VAT on domestic heating fuel as from now. We shall of course give it straight back to all pensioners, those on income support or disability benefit, and many other deserving cases. We might even uprate child benefit with the surplus. As for the rest of you overheated soft Nellies, you can learn to start shutting doors and wearing sweaters indoors, or pay for your folly."

Gasps from underclad MPs of all parties. Mr Lamont continues: "One or two warm rooms at a time should be enough for any reasonable family, and heating stairwells is nothing short of criminal waste. It was freezing cold landings [here a rising inflection, as favoured by Tory grandees on *Any Questions*] and cool bedrooms that made this country great! It was icy bathrooms and winceyette nighties which kept this country pure!" Then on the tail of the roar of applause, he could quietly yet caringly state the government's intention to lift the burden of indirect tax on adult-sized thermal underwear, and retire a hero.

Well, perhaps. There would no doubt be a grumble from the shirtsleeves-in-January tendency, the strapless-eveningwear faction and other backbench cabals. But in our hearts we would have to accept the truth: that the British interior in the past few decades has become hideously, unhealthily overheated. As far as wasting fossil fuel goes, this matters less in small insulated houses (although many are so well-lagged these days that when I used to tour the country hosting a Radio 4 DIY programme, half our queries were about condensation caused by never letting in any real air). But in the tall Victorian town-houses, the suburban mock-castles and the country homes of the growing middle class, the fetish for whole-house heating must burn up tracts of fossil forest every winter night.

Most people have lost touch with the thermal facts of life. They no longer have to chop logs (unless playing Marie Antoinette in their cottages), nor to cart coal. Visiting urban children, as we have found to our cost in various icy Suffolk houses, have lost the instinct for shutting doors. But adults are as bad: as long as there is only a button to push and a bill to pay, the moderately affluent have come to think that they have an inalienable right to slop around indoors in T-shirts all year round, to undress in a bathroom or bedroom without half-an-hour's forethought and preparation, and to move from room to room without caution.

Me, I blame Hollywood for this sapping of our moral fibre and natural cunning: forced by my children to watch the ghastly Culkin brat in *Home Alone*, I spent the whole film marvelling at the fact that with snow falling outside he none the less roamed the entire open-plan house in a skimpy T-shirt.

I may have become quite boring on the subject afterwards, recalling not exactly with glee but with righteous self-satisfaction that as a child I often had to give up reading in bed because my fingers got too cold to turn the pages. In the morning, my three brothers and I used to get dressed *inside* the airing-cupboard, and it made me the man I am.

But maybe I am trying to comfort myself with the thought that Mr Lamont may have given me numerous fellow-sufferers. For although my tastes in heating are well below the national norm, they still exceed those of my husband. He came into my study a few minutes ago in a cloud of cold farmyard air, and flung open the window with a cry of "Do you want to sit in a fetid unhealthy atmosphere or feel God's good breezes?". "Fetid unhealthy atmosphere please," I snapped, huddling deeper into the deep-pile working sweater. But I accept the shut door, the icy stairs beyond, and the need to pin dusty old curtains over the kitchen doors in north-easterly weather. I accept I have no right to heat more than a reasonable space at a time. I would have given Mr Lamont one small, frozen cheer at least, if he had done it my way.

Look out, Campbell is coming

A twice divorced, flamboyant lawyer could be Canada's first woman prime minister.

Martin Fletcher asks what she stands for

CANAPRESS/BARBARA WOODLEY

A talent for self-promotion: the picture that catapulted Kim Campbell, then justice minister, to fame

Four years ago Kim Campbell squeezed into parliament with the tiniest majority of any Canadian MP, but that was before she had posed, in a state of some undress, for one of the more risqué pictures ever taken of a politician. Today, the bright, blonde 46-year-old from Vancouver looks set to become her country's first woman prime minister and the likely salvation of the ruling Progressive Conservative party that was heading for electoral humiliation.

Ms Campbell's ascendancy would inject more than a dash of colour into the dull grey maleness of world summitry. She has the presence of Margaret Thatcher, the flamboyance of Pierre Trudeau, and the political freshness of Bill Clinton, her fellow North American baby-boomer — not to mention Hillary's stern feminism. After the publication of the photograph, one opponent even likened her to Madonna, a description that ignored her formidable intellect.

Twice divorced, she plays the cello, loves Gilbert and Sullivan, and strums Bob Dylan on the guitar. She is multilingual, lifts weights, mimics cabinet colleagues and performs comedy routines which have been known to include a sketch about people photocopying their buttocks. Admirers find her warm and fun, detractors arrogant and aloof. She once said she liked to socialise with people of similiar education who read Tolstoy, Dostoevsky and Jane Austen, graciously adding: "But I genuinely like ordinary people."

For a politician, she is strikingly candid. Since arriving in Ottawa "my marriage has ended and I'm very far from home. I find life here often unspeakably lonely and very difficult," she declared in a speech last November. She is also renowned for caustic put-downs and an irreverent wit. When Brian Mulroney made her defence minister in January, she was asked about her leadership ambitions: "Who needs a leadership race? I'll just stage a military coup," she replied. "Don't mess with me — I have tanks."

One could be forgiven for thinking that Ms Campbell's rivals had taken that joke seriously. Mr Mulroney, the most unpopular Canadian prime minister in memory, announced his resignation last month, but the race to replace him appears over before it has started. Though Ms Campbell does not officially declare her candidacy until this week, her star quality is so apparent that potential opponents have found pressing reasons to avoid being crushed by the "Campbell phenomenon".

That she lacks foreign or economic experience appears irrelevant. So does her marital history. Barring disasters she will be crowned in June, ready to fight an autumn general election against a Liberal opposition which, largely by virtue of not being Tories, had built a seemingly unassailable 28-point lead. Last week, however, a *Toronto Globe & Mail* poll suggested that under Ms Campbell's leadership the Conservatives would win. Suddenly it was the Liberals who were panicking.

Avril Phaedra Campbell, born on Canada's west coast, was a precocious child. Aged nine she read a Stalin biography. At 12 she changed her name to Kim and declared she wanted to be UN secretary-general. That year her mother abandoned her father, a Vancouver prosecutor of Scottish descent, and went to work on yachts in the Mediterranean and Caribbean. Kim and her older sister were left to bring up each other, though their maternal grandmother was a strong influence. She was a forceful women who, in her sixties, taught on Indian reservations.

Kim was the first female student president of both her high school and university. She helped to finance her first degree by packing halibut. In 1970 she began two years of Soviet studies at the London School of Economics and at 25 married Nathan Divinsky, a high-powered Vancouver maths professor 20 years her senior with three teenage daughters. Toozie, as he was known, was a father-figure and mentor but they drifted apart and in 1982 divorced. Her second marriage, to an Ottawa lawyer, was short-lived.

Ms Campbell studied law, joined Vancouver's top legal firm, but resigned after two years to join the provincial governor's staff. In 1986, she cheekily ran for the provincial party's leadership. She came twelth and last, but gained valuable notoriety by warning the winner: "Charisma without substance is a dangerous thing." She quickly won a provincial assembly seat and, in 1988, a marginal Vancouver parliamentary seat by just 269 votes. Mr Mulroney was so impressed by her gutsy campaign he immediately made her minister for Indian affairs — and then came the photograph.

In 1990, Ms Campbell had just become justice minister. Barbara Woodley, a photographer compiling a book on Canadian women, suggested a picture of her holding her judicial robes before her on a hanger. "She knew what I was going to ask next before I opened my mouth," Ms Woodley said later. Without hesitation Ms Campbell took off her blouse. The picture shows only her bare shoulders behind the robes, but suggests she is naked. Last autumn the photograph caused a sensation and was reprinted around the world.

"I think it is a lovely picture," said Ms Campbell, who relished the fuss. "It is not even faintly titillating. I wish it were ... What it is is a picture of a woman who is very comfortable with her bare shoulders, is comfortable projecting her own image of the relationship between the role [of justice minister] and who she is."

Not even Ms Campbell's aides deny that the picture did her an enormous amount of good, singling her out as a distinctly unconventional politician. To Ms Campbell's detractors, the episode epitomised a talent for self-promotion that has catapulted her far higher than her experience warrants. They see her as ruthlessly ambitious, a charge which infuriates her. "What is it about a woman's success or a woman's aspiration that triggers that terror?", she asked. "It reminds me of the old definition we used to circulate at law school of how a man is forceful, a woman is pushy. A man stands his ground, a woman is a complaining bitch."

But the underlying question is valid. She is media-savvy, has climbed the ladder too fast to build a solid record of achievements, and is now the beneficiary of her party's desperation for a winner. She is fiscally conservative and socially progressive, but beyond that few know what she stands for. In Kitchener, Ontario, last Thursday, Ms Campbell gave her first speech since Mr Mulroney's resignation announcement. Taking care to repeat the soundbites in French, she spoke of her vision of a "Canadian renaissance", of an "era of hope, reform and renewal", of how government could not do everything and citizens had to play their part.

Ms Campbell may be an original, but to those who had followed Mr Clinton's vacuous but victorious campaign last year that formula sounded strikingly familiar. "My views are my own," Ms Campbell retorted. "If President Clinton has copied them, good for him."

The county at war with British Rail

The Channel link has turned housewives into lobbyists

Molly Tipples pins down one edge of her tattered map of Kent with a large box of cornflakes. The other she secures with the home-made raspberry jam. Then taking the bread knife she draws out her battle plan. Scattered over the kitchen table lie cuttings from the day's newspapers and sticky yellow phone messages. In the garden a camera crew is interviewing her next-door neighbour.

When British Rail first mooted running the Channel tunnel rail link through Kent they reckoned without the housewives, retired air vice-marshals, rough-diamond dealers and tenant farmers who live in the Garden of England.

From their mock Tudor and converted oast houses, once tranquil, apolitical people have declared war against the 186 mph Thunderbolt. They have organised themselves into 15 action groups with expertise ranging from surveying to accountancy. Unheard of alliances and extraordinary friendships have been forged as this ill-funded ragbag Home Guard has pitted its wits against British Rail and the government.

Mrs Tipples: fighting

Five years ago Mrs Tipples was a Kent farmer's wife. She cooked her husband three meals a day, made ball dresses for her daughter, did *The Daily Telegraph* crossword and helped out with the sweet trolley at the local hospital. "I wouldn't say boo to a goose. And I wouldn't have dreamt of going to my ladies' lunch club without a friend," she says.

Then British Rail announced four proposals for the new rail route — one of which would have decimated the farm. Mrs Tipples changed. Now she gets picked up by limousines at 6am to do battle with Brian Redhead on the *Today* programme before moving on to Euston House to lecture British Rail. She's been interviewed outside the Houses of Parliament and lobbies MPs over tea. She fits in meetings with her local radio station at her hairdressers.

Since a friend persuaded her to become secretary of the umbrella pressure group the North Downs Rail Concern, she has become one of the most dedicated lobbyists in the country. "Most of us had never opened our mouths before," says Mrs Tipples, who is simultaneously conducting an interview down the telephone and flicking through her bulging pink contacts book.

"At the beginning it was tough. I had never been to university and felt easily bamboozled. Now I am confident about the facts. I don't pretend to be an expert, and I like the media," she says.

Mrs Tipples found out last week that the railway line would not be going through her land but that hasn't deterred her. "It's common sense we need the link. But it is also obvious that it needs to carry freight — which it won't — so we will have lorries trundling through Kent 24 hours a day. We want a design we can be proud of but this one is pathetically inadequate compared with Brunel. We desperately need more tunnelling through environmentally sensitive areas," she says, speaking in perfect soundbites.

Meridian TV tried to get her to pose celebrating with a bottle of champagne. She told them off gently but firmly. "Some of my friends haven't been so lucky," she said.

Though her husband and three children are somewhat stunned to see her marching into Maidstone holding a coffin, discussing private members' bills at supper and travelling to Scotland to examine viaducts, they are impressed. "Occasionally the children have to tell me to shut up because I've become a bit bossy now," she laughs.

At breakneck speed we go careering round the country lanes of the Medway valley, an outstandingly beautiful conservation zone with ancient villages, monasteries, the Pilgrims' Way and before long the new railway line.

Edward Eckley's farm is smack in the way of the proposed route. It will be 50 yards from the swimming pool. The Eckleys moved into the farm in 1968 when the valley was free from the hum of the M2 and M20 and incessant commuter trains. "We never needed to open a newspaper or learn how to speak to a camera until now. But this has made certain people come out of the woodwork — the fighting spirit and all that," he says.

The next-door neighbour, a German management consultant, drifts over from his renovated cottage. "I've met more people here in four years than in the 15 previous ones and I've learnt about the English community, which is fascinating, and the English prevarication, which is awful."

In Boxley village, BBC crews are outside the church. We slip into the house of Gary Thomas, chairman of North Downs Rail Concern. While Mrs Tipples does the ironing, Mr Thomas's wife, Sylvia, explains local history going back to the medieval period. "I don't think any of us realised what we'd embarked on until the journalists started ringing us up at midnight. It's exhausting," she says.

Her friend Helen Self, a teacher, agrees: "I've just accepted that I've become a campaigner. We're not being Nimbys: this is almost the only piece of real countryside left in the South East and soon it will look like Birmingham."

Our last port of call is to Pat Brook, a company secretary, whose house almost falls into the widening M20. Mrs Brook will have to suffer being the filling in a noise sandwich when the new railway line comes 200 yards away from her house on the other side.

"I've never been a protester but I've written over 200 letters about this. I've learnt to make eye-catching posters and heckle at demos. I now have to go to the cardiac clinic because it's a terrible stress but I won't give up. There's supposed to be democracy. I've learnt it only goes as far as letting you say what you think. But at least I can be proud I've stood up and let myself be counted."

ALICE THOMSON

Few sisterly tears have been shed over the sudden demise of *Spare Rib*

Death by feminist torture

Spare Rib: many loathed it — but they kept subscribing

The only mystery about the death of *Spare Rib* magazine is why it was so long in coming. The title still resonates from its glory days as radical standard-bearer of British feminism, but in truth the sole sensible thing it did in the last third of its 21-year life was to leave without saying goodbye. (The February/March issue failed to appear, the liquidators moved in three weeks ago chasing, it is said, £100,000 in debt, the offices are boarded up, the phones disconnected and the birds of the editorial collective all flown.)

A proper funeral would have been a fiasco, with the panegyric beginning "*Spare Rib* was for years unreadable, unless you were a one-legged black lesbian with a penchant for guilt-tripping the underprivileged". I quote not *The Sun* or the *Mail*, but Eileen Fairweather, who in the early 1980s was a dedicated member of the *Spare Rib* collective. With friends like that, as they say, who needs enemies? In her angry obituary of the rag in *The Guardian*, Ms Fairweather records a judgment of death by suicide.

As one who used to read the thing but somehow hasn't bothered since the mid-1980s, I could only agree with her when I retrieved the last three issues (in pristine, apparently unread condition) from the local library. Is there anyone left out there who is prepared to pay for great wadges of solemn anti-imperialist guff from the press offices of the ANC, the PLO and Muammar al-Gaddafi?

I dropped the magazine with a sigh when I reached a piece about British squaddies groping (sorry, attempting to rape) a woman in west Belfast which leapt, from this one incident, to conclude that "the use of this strategy against women is an integral part of the apparatus of repression that the British employ to batter and intimidate the nationalist community".

Calls to assorted women's groups, radical bookshops, university women's study departments, child abuse centres and the like produced the occasional polite expression of sisterly regret at this absurd journal's demise, but nobody really dissented from Ms Fairweather's description. They all loathed it and yet, like Ms Fairweather herself, they went on subscribing.

Sisters! For all the gains feminism has made since Rosie Boycott and Marsha Rowe gave birth to *Spare Rib*, how come this absurd masochism, this feminine propensity for guilt-tripping, lasted so long?

Things have changed. Rosie Boycott — who, incidentally, points out that in the early days her magazine had pieces about food, fashion, mending plugs and make-up, not to mention a sense of humour, as well as the hard stuff about wife-battering — now edits *Esquire*, a men's magazine. This month it carries a woman's angle on the snags of cohabitation and a hair-raising piece about the victims of husband-battering. Feminists of the Boycott generation rule the roost in most of the mainstream features departments.

And *Everywoman*, a sober, reasonably intelligent, broad-based monthly covering most of the issues that a thoroughly assorted group of women might care about, has just celebrated its eighth birthday. Its circulation is still modest, about 15,000, but it has built this without benefit of GLC grants or institutional libraries robotically ordering the feminist title for the shelf marked "Women", as they did with *Spare Rib*. It is here that you find Yvonne Roberts, Susie Orbach and Shere Hite summing up the achievements of the women's movement, and it is here that you find dozens of small ads which indicate how busy real women still are out there, campaigning and helping and volunteering and generally being sisterly. (The *Spare Rib* collective's technique for gathering ads was the guilt trip harangue, as in "So you're not taking an ad? So you *admit* you're among the racist oppressors?")

A kneejerk masculine reaction to the disappearance of this title is to mutter about the last nail in the coffin of feminism. Actually, I hope and suspect it may mark the death of that peculiarly feminine cultural cringe, so let's all throw our hats in the air.

MARGOT NORMAN

The French have the world's fashion capital — but they still look to London for inspiration

Dickens goes to Paris

JEAN PAUL GAULTIER: CELEBRATING A CULTURE CLASH

ABOVE: **VIVIENNE WESTWOOD** WORKING VIBRANT TARTANS INTO A TAILORED SUIT AND, RIGHT, A STARTLING FINALE GOWN PHOTOGRAPHS BY CHRIS MOORE AND ANDREW THOMAS

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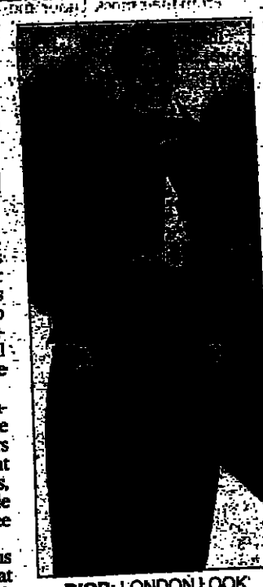

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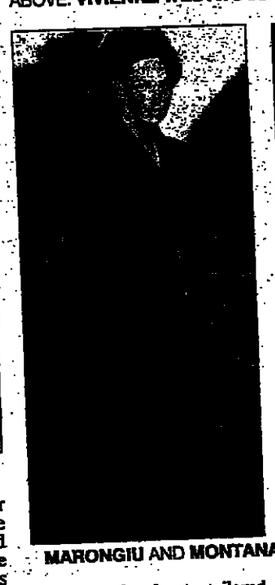

MARONGIU AND MONTANA: TWO DICKENSIAN DRAMAS

Paris *is* the fashion capital of the world. The list of designers showing their autumn/winter collections during the past week ran to more than 70. Others exhibited around the city, and still more showed by private appointment.

Every nationality of designer descends on Paris, and the international press and buyers are happy to sit at pavement cafés, munching on croissants, and watching the fashionable world go by. In Paris, you see just that.

What soon became obvious was the universal respect that Great Britain has as an inspirational melting pot. Two British exports were potent: Charles Dickens and Punk Rock.

Rei Kawakubo of Comme des Garçons, delighted her audience with a collection which was said to be a homage to London style. Men's, women's and children's clothes were torn apart to create new garments. These were a jigsaw of raw edges and discordant fabric combinations. Chiffons and washed silks in equally washed-out colours were juxtaposed with wools and tweeds. Knitted sweaters were savagely abbreviated and attached to the bottom half of jackets. Sleeves from one garment found themselves in the armholes of another. They looked part dyed, part boil washed. They were aggressive in concept, yet appeared remarkably fragile when worn by models devoid of apparent make-up. The Queen of Punk, Vivienne Westwood, once said that it is harder to destroy than to create, this collection did both.

Westwood has grown way beyond punk. Her latest show was mobbed by the faithful, and they were treated to one of her best collections. She destroys, but has something to replace the destruction with.

This season she worked vibrant tartans into tailored suits, showed flowing trouser suits, and had a finale of Miss Havisham gowns which should inspire a couture house to give her a job. The thought raises goose-pimples.

At times the catwalks were overflowing with models masquerading as characters from the novels of Dickens. Marcel Marongiu's finale dress in black taffeta would have fitted Mrs Bumble. Frock coats, high collared white shirts, with marching kerchief neckties, and waistcoats were made for Nicholas Nickleby and the pupils at Dotheboys Hall; and long trailing overcoats were one part Bill Sikes, two parts Fagin.

Some of the best Dickensian dramas were cut with pure perfection by Gianfranco Ferre for Christian Dior, Claude Montana, Hermes and Martine Sitbon, who also added punk bondage kilts in pinstripe over her trousers.

This was a look Jean Paul Gaultier majored in. Although his collection was a celebration of the traditions of the Jewish community, there was nothing orthodox about his designs.

Jet black satin coats were worn over knit dresses; sequins and pin-stripes mixed. He put little skirts over trousers, punk style, adding bondage straps.

Several designers have followed Lang's lead, some less successfully than others. What is interesting to see is that designers such as Yves Saint Laurent and Peter O'Brien for Rochas have noted this sweeping change and are themselves creating clothes, which although aimed at ladies who lunch, are now frayed around the edges. It is good to see that the established fashion houses are still inspired enough to embrace change.

The biggest (and saddest) change around in Paris this season was that the talent of Karl Lagerfeld failed to cut it on the catwalks. He designs three lines: his own label, Chloe and Chanel. All three failed to excite. At Chloe the promise of last season was dissipated by drab looking clothes; for his own line he has all but stopped designing below the waist, concentrating on endless jackets and coats; and at Chanel it was hard to tell if there were even any good jackets in the collection as he overwhelmed his models with accessories.

Jean Colonna's deification by the trendy fashion world is as deluded as his models looked, skulking through the dark like madwomen. Wearing jackets seamed on the outside, plaid shirts *sans* sleeves, and other shirts with sleeves too long, it was clear that the designer had worked this idea for too long.

If Colonna is the future of fashion, then shouldn't he be creating futuristic clothes, or is that just too great an expectation?

criss-crossed about tailored jackets. It was a clash of cultures which worked wonderfully, and proved that Gaultier can still cut clothes with awesome clarity.

Helmut Lang has long since spearheaded the "deconstructivist movement". He creates sparingly simple clothes, utilitarian in style. Reefer jackets, fitted blazers and midi-coats were given a new fluted sleeve edged with buttons, while long slip dresses were layered one over another. His clothes look lived in — wools and velours are crushed or boil washed, trouser hems are left unfinished.

THE LINE

● AT the Helmut Lang show, the trendy photographer Mario Sorenti (boy friend of the superwaif model Kate Moss) was introduced to Linda Wells, the editor of *Allure* magazine, by the creative director, Polly Mellen. "This is Mario," she said. "The new one," chipped in the *Vogue* photographer Mario Testino from the row behind.

● THE unexpected sunshine which bathed Paris gave every poseur the opportunity to don dark glasses. The most popular style among the cognoscenti is little round mirrored John Lennon specs.

● AFTER the craze for techno-high-top-trainers, the latest "in" leisure shoes are Converse plimsols. They were worn on and off the runways in Paris.

● THE supermodel Helena Christensen and her boy friend Michael Hutchence, of the rock group INXS, have been pursued around Paris by photographers. "Double exposure," joked an onlooker as they posed for the cameras outside the Louvre.

● POYET is the latest beauty salon to open in Paris. The all-white interior is strictly *2001: A Space Odyssey* — the deep cleansing facials are out-of-this-world. Poyet, 10 rue de Castiglione, Tere (42 60 32 87).

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Matthew Parris

■ The compulsive computer hacker is not to be pitied but should be valued as a better sort of human being

"Even in the sixth-form photograph," says the caption in *The Daily Telegraph*, "Paul Bedworth never seemed to fit in." The photo shows 13 sixth-formers, none of the boys looking at all companionable, but one of them with a big white ring round his head. No wonder he never seemed to fit in.

Paul Bedworth is the computer hacker acquitted last week in Southwark crown court. The photograph illustrates a background article whose factual content need not detain us. It is the flavour I wish to comment on. This I can give you in a few sentences.

Paul did not hang around much with the other guys at school. "Bit of a wizard" on the computers. Put computers before family, friends, everything. Father divorced — "in many ways, Paul's computers were a substitute". Outside concerns mattered little to him "as he sat at his computer in a world where he felt comfortable . . ." Get the picture? Poor chap. Only his software to keep him warm. "Perhaps he only really came to life in front of his own 13-year-old £200 BBC Basic computer."

I do not criticise the journalist who wrote this. It is perfectly professional, it is engaging, it is exactly what his readers will have wanted. But it is baloney. Pernicious baloney. It beautifully illustrates the anti-achievement, anti-individualistic, anti-solitary, comfy, companionable, conformist, herd-seeking mediocrity which is rammed down English children's throats from the moment they try to throw their rattles out of their prams.

We should all, it is ceaselessly insinuated, be all-rounders. A little bit of everything, but of nothing too much. We should develop our minds, but not at the expense of a modest — not excessive — amount of healthy exercise. We should develop our bodies, but not at the expense of an active (but never all-consuming) intellectual life. We should learn to appreciate the arts, culture, beauty: but essentially as an adjunct, to enhance life, not to comprise it. We should love and be loved, but not so much that it puts us off our meals or stops us working. We should enjoy our hobbies, but as hobbies, no more: they should not interfere with career. Everything *in proportion*.

We should work hard at our careers, of course, but career, too, has its limits. Job and ambition should not interfere with family life.

Family is terribly important. Of all the good things we strive for, family, for the English, comes closest to occupying the pinnacle: something which might be pursued before or to the exclusion of others. Someone who allows family to get in the way of career is hardly condemned for that: but should ambition, art, passion, football or — God forbid — computer hacking, exclude or undermine family life, well, what a *pity*. "He was always trying to get rid of me so he could get back to his computer," said Paul's mum. Sin of sins. Out of proportion, you see.

So relentless has been our determination to project an ideal of gentle, well-ordered, companionability as being the highest aim of civilised humans, that we have Bowdlerised even our religion to promote it. Christ said he came to Earth to tear families apart, but this is seldom mentioned from pulpit or dispatch box as our mentors lecture us on Christian standards and family values. From the day we enter this world it is drummed into us that the supreme purpose of existence is to be sought, and found, in our associations with other people, in the mutual help and support we may learn to give.

Writing on Mothering Sunday, and loving my own mother, father and family very much, I nevertheless profoundly disagree. The best and most fulfilling way to live is to struggle, not to snooze in front of a hearth. In a cradle-to-grave welfare state in which every pressure is to do as you are told and take what you are given, the fact that so many boys and girls insist on wrecking bus shelters and pitting themselves against the security systems of other people's BMWs is a source of terrific reassurance to me. Against all the odds, the human spirit is still alive.

> "The best and most fulfilling way to live is to struggle, not to snooze by a hearth'

Boys like Paul Bedworth, who was joyriding other people's computer systems, along with joyriders of the more yobbish sort, along with brilliant and obsessive students in every sphere, along with football hooligans, would-be tycoons, poets in garrets, rock drummers in basement bedsits, mercenaries in Bosnia, painters in attics, dons in ivory towers and kids riveted before cannibal monsters in electronic games in a thousand amusement arcades . . . all of them share this: security and contentment is not enough. They want something to square up to, something — be it only themselves — to compete with, to fight. They want to get something in life out of proportion.

So no, *Daily Telegraph*, Paul Bedworth's solitary expeditions into the jungle of artificial intelligence were not a substitute for companionship. People like him are the way the human race advances and a symptom of its health. The jungle is the thing. Companionship is the substitute. Other people are the evasion.

Officialdom's treatment of a street trader shows our anti-competitive culture in action

Something rotten on the fruit stall

William Rees-Mogg

Last Thursday morning I gave evidence to a hearing of the licensing sub-committee of Westminster city council. The hearing was held in the panelled splendour of the old Marylebone council chambers in Marylebone Road. It was impeccably conducted, though perhaps with rather more judicial pomp than the licensing sub-committee really needs. We rose, as though in a court of law, when the councillors came in; we rose when they adjourned to consider their verdict; we rose again when they came back to announce the verdict. It was quite theatrical.

The proceedings concerned an application of Mr Peter Benson, the licensee of Pitch 1655, the fruit stall which you will find just off the Horseferry Road, opposite Westminster Hospital. He had applied "to vary his street trading licence to sell pre-packed groceries, confectioneries and soft drinks in lieu of vegetables and hosiery".

The Benson family stall is one of the most popular social focuses of our part of Westminster. The Benson family has been running the stall, usually selling fruit and vegetables, for some 50 years. When I first moved to Westminster, in the early 1960s, I remember Rab Butler saying how much he liked the Bensons, and how they had seen his children growing up. Buying fruit from the Bensons' stall is often the first independent shopping that local children do.

The licensing sub-committee had to meet in order to consider objections. When I heard what the objections were, I thought they must be made under some medieval guild by-law. All the objections were based on the assumption that competition is a bad thing.

The Bensons were represented by a local solicitor — rather a good one. The objectors were represented by their solicitor. Freshwater, a local landlord, was represented by a surveyor. The Bensons agreed that they would not sell sandwiches. We then had a discussion about whether the sale of confectionery on their stall would be damaging to the nearest newsagent's business. In effect the local shopkeepers claimed that if they sold something, Mr Benson should not also be allowed to sell it.

The most extraordinary claim came from the surveyor who represented Freshwater Property Services, the landlord of the large building in which the objecting shops are sited. He argued, if I understood him correctly, that if the Benson stall were a shop which Freshwater owned, the landlord would impose a restrictive covenant to stop the Bensons selling the products complained of. He seemed to want to extend Freshwater covenants to any local stall that might compete with a Freshwater shop.

Surprisingly, the law under which these anti-competitive complaints can be considered is not medieval, but modern. The statute on which the regulations depend is the London Local Authorities Act 1990, an act passed when I had already joined the House of Lords, though I do not think any of us appreciated that it was blatantly an act in restraint of trade. The act allows an application to vary street trading licences to be refused "on any reasonable grounds".

Westminster council has adopted a number of grounds on which new licences can be refused, and applies them to applications for variation. The first is "that there are enough traders trading in the street or in any street adjoining the street in respect of which the application is made in the goods in which the applicant desires to trade". This allows any local shopkeeper to object to any new trading proposed for any stall, on the simple grounds that it competes with him.

One can have a certain sympathy for small shopkeepers. Their rents are often very high; the business rate is very high as well. Stallholders have to work in tougher conditions, but they do have lower overheads. Yet the attempt to create little local monopolies is absurdly ineffective.

The small shopkeepers compete with each other, and they compete, not very effectively, with large shops, supermarkets, discount stores and out-of-town shopping. It is not the local stall, selling a handful of sweets, they need to be afraid of. They go out of business, when they do, because their rents are too high, their rates are too high, the recession is too severe, and the big competition is too intense. They may be jealous of Peter Benson, standing in the rain with no overhead, but he is not the problem.

I had no sympathy with Freshwater. The property business may now not be as easy as it was, but the landlord should have thought of the 97 per cent of its tenants who welcome an extra shopping facility and not of the 3 per cent of its complex represented by shops which are only marginally competitive with Mr Benson. If Freshwater wants to help its shop tenants it should cut their rents, which may well have been fixed at uneconomic levels in the boom years. It should not huff and puff at Westminster city council to try to limit the most modest sort of competition. In any case I dislike big people who try to bully little people.

I did not have much sympathy with Westminster city council. What business does it have to operate a system designed to restrict competition? Shops can create their own trade, and win customers by the quality of their service as well as by the prices they charge. In this case the sub-committee did allow Mr Benson the variation he asked for, but he had to agree not to sell sandwiches, because the Fiesta Sandwich Bar sells wrapped sandwiches. Why on earth should Westminster city council operate a system which prevents people from buying sandwiches from Mr Benson's stall?

I have no sympathy at all with Parliament. We pass all these bills with their extension of regulatory systems, their new administrative discretions, their powers to interfere either with competition or the operation of businesses, or with ordinary people's lives. Most of the bills have some purposes; the London Local Authorities Act 1990 had, among other aims, the purpose of allowing local authorities to regulate stalls. This reasonable purpose almost always becomes distorted. We start off, as parliamentarians, with some rational intention and end up by preventing Peter Benson selling sandwiches to customers who would like to buy them.

The waste of money is shocking. There were 20 people in the room on Thursday morning, councillors, staff, parties, professional advisers, witnesses or supporters. There were sheafs of documents. From the first application the permission to sell confectionery and wrapped groceries took over a year to resolve, and entailed visits from the Street Watch Inspectorate and other imposing bodies. The total costs of the parties and the council may have run into thousands of pounds. Mr Benson is not a rich man; nor, I imagine, are Mr Patel or Mr Giorgi, who paid their solicitors to object. It is money they would have a better use for. So would the Westminster city council.

One thing was pleasing. Peter Benson at least had support from a powerful body that ought to believe in Adam Smith and open markets, and not in medieval guild monopolies. He sells some of his fruit to the staff of Conservative Central Office. Sir Stuart Newman, who used to be a consultant on campaigns, wrote a supportive letter saying that the fruit stall is "a boon to the local area". The Labour party would no doubt have written in the same sense when it was still working in Transport House. Yet even when the Conservatives are in power, Parliament churns out these endless laws. The Bensons would be better off if this law had never been enacted in this form; so would their customers.

Blinkers made in Scotland

John Smith needs to understand more of English voters, writes **Peter Riddell**

John Smith suffers from one great handicap as Labour leader. He does not understand the English. His roots as so deep in Scotland that he regards England, and especially the south, as alien, and in some ways inferior. This affects his views on what the Labour party now needs to do. After all, if Labour is ever to win office, most of its gains will have to be in the south.

Mr Smith is, contrary to public perceptions, much less part of the English political scene than is Neil Kinnock. Mr Kinnock has suffered, in part unfairly, from the Welsh windbag, boyo from the valleys label, which has put off some voters. By contrast, I doubt if Mr Smith suffers publicly from being a Scot. He looks reassuring, and is rated highly in the polls for being caring, likeable and competent.

In reality, Mr Kinnock is much less of a Welshman than he appears. His emotional roots may be in the valleys of south Wales, but he has lived in Ealing for 20 years, enabling him to understand the outlook of the upwardly mobile English voters Labour needs to attract.

By contrast, Mr Smith has never been more than a visitor to England. During 23 years as an MP he has spent only weekdays in London and his family home has remained in Edinburgh. He wanted his daughters to go through Scottish schools, and have Scottish accents. Nobody can accuse him of metropolitan trendiness.

In his interview with *The Times* last month, Mr Smith acknowledged that he had "not been enfolded into the English establishment. It may be my background in Scottish law and education". Warm and amusing in person, he is certainly not distant or priggish, although his west of Scotland Presbyterianism suffused the Tawney lecture he delivered over the weekend, a speech based closely on his contribution to the new book *Reclaiming the Ground*. He asserted his "profound conviction" that politics ought to have a moral foundation. He talked of allying "our Christian faith to our democratic socialist conviction". How true it is, he said, that "the Labour party has owed more to Methodism than to Marx". His values of community and fellowship were presented as superior to the individualism of the Thatcher era. It was a traditional statement of Christian socialist values a world away from 1980s materialism.

His political experience has also set him apart from English MPs. Labour has been the dominant force in Scottish politics for most of Mr Smith's career, and during the 1980s it suffered few of the traumas experienced by the party south of the border. Moreover, the middle-class part of Edinburgh where he lives is represented by a Labour MP, though in southern England this type of constituency is still mainly in Tory hands, with a few exceptions such as Dulwich and Hampstead. His view that because Labour has won such seats in Scotland, he therefore knows what needs to be done to win them in England, is unconvincing.

Mr Smith is, of course, shifting Labour's stance. But will he go far enough? While urging a lively internal debate, he is wary of colleagues who rock the boat with controversial new ideas. A good example is the debate on whether clause four of the party's constitution, on social ownership, should be changed. Echoing the language of Harold Wilson 30 years ago, Mr Smith has said he does not want a theological argument about clause four, preferring to "get on with practical policies that mean something. I have not heard people on the doorstep protest about clause four. I don't think it will profit us as a party".

This view has been challenged not only by Roy Hattersley but, this morning, by a current shadow cabinet member, Jack Straw. His new pamphlet, *Policy and Ideology*, published by his local party in Blackburn, highlights how clause four was drafted in 1918 with virtually no discussion. Mr Straw argues that clause four, or rather its famous part four, has become like a religious relic which should now be updated to refresh Labour's appeal and to ensure that its policies have a firm ideological base. His reference to "appropriate measures of regulation, control and public ownership" would probably be accepted by most Labour MPs. As Mr Straw dryly remarks: "We may end up with a short statement on the reverse of our membership card which becomes a positive aid to doorstep debate, rather than the last thing ever to mention."

Mr Smith has not only publicly proclaimed that Labour can win again on its own, and, quite reasonably, that the party should now concentrate on internal matters, but he is cautious even about talks with other parties. However, Robin Cook is not alone in being unsure that Labour can gain sufficient seats in England under the present electoral system to win power on its own.

The test will be the forthcoming report by Lord Plant's committee. This appears to be evenly divided both about whether to change the present system for electing Westminster MPs and on which alternative to suggest. Such an inconclusive outcome may reinforce Mr Smith's inherent caution. He is said not to be persuaded yet of the case for change and sees no point in change for its own sake. There is no eternally *right* electoral system, but Mr Smith could be making a serious mistake if he closes the door on the possibility of electoral reform for the Commons. Not only would he probably end the chances of later co-operation with the Liberal Democrats, which he might need at some stage, he would undermine his aim of making Labour look an outward-looking party willing to share power.

The inhibition on Mr Smith is perhaps more emotional than intellectual: he believes the values which have sustained the party in Scotland can succeed south of the border. He should talk to more Essex men, and women.

Maastricht maulers

WITH Maastricht back on the political agenda two of the biggest heavyweights in the Europe debate, Lord Tebbit and Martin Bangemann, are squaring up. Tebbit is flying to Copenhagen on May 12 to do battle on behalf of the Danish referendum *Nej* campaign.

It is his first direct involvement in the Danish campaign and follows closely on Baroness Thatcher's private visit to Denmark last month. Conservative Central Office is not planning to ship out any supporters of the treaty to assist the yes campaign, which has fuelled a suspicion that the party high command secretly wants a no vote, which would get the prime minister off the hook in the Commons.

Bangemann, the senior German EC commissioner who is tipped as a future president of the Commission, is being groomed to take part in a live televised debate with the Chingford Skinhead. It would be a classic confrontation, not least because the 16-stone German commissioner is one of the Euro-sceptics' least loved EC bureaucrats. Bangemann has not been forgiven for trying to kill off British prawn cocktail flavoured crisps.

Tebbit is in his usual bellicose mood. "I would relish the chance of doing battle with Herr Bangemann," he says in steely tones. "If it is not him we want a suitable opponent. It must be a German as the German government is leading the federalist charge."

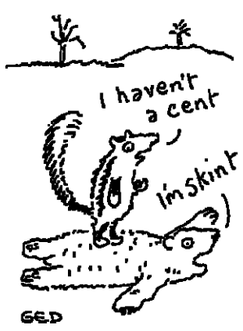
Tebbit had previously shied away from involvement in the Danish referendum because he feared it might provoke a negative response. But British politicians are in demand because of the Maastricht revolt in Parliament. Tebbit is not surprised that the Tory high command is not sending an alternative voice. "To quote a well worn phrase, there are no alternatives."

Word blind

HAVING spent months writing his own book, John McCarthy appears unwilling to read anybody else's. McCarthy has turned down an invitation to be a judge of this year's Booker prize, an honour few have refused.

Mark Lucas, McCarthy's agent, says that having just finished writing, the former hostage is "sick of books". McCarthy would earn £2,500 for his Booker duties, small beer by comparison with the reported £350,000 advance for his book, and after all, hasn't he suffered enough already?

● *An anti-Maastricht candidate is not the only unusual competition the Tories face at the Newbury by-election. Advertisements have appeared in the local press disclosing for-*



mation of a new party, Ecology-Vision. Its prospects are uncertain. It has no money, no canvassers and no candidate.

DIARY

Think carefully

MICHAEL PORTILLO is choosy about the invitations he accepts these days. So the chief secretary to the Treasury will know that his presence tomorrow at the National Theatre for the launch of Demos, a new think-tank, will attract considerable interest.

It is being set up by Geoff Mulgan, a card-carrying member of the Labour party, and Martin Jacques, former editor of *Marxism Today*. Other guests will include Gordon Brown and Tony Blair.

But John Major should not object to Portillo's presence. Demos is hardly left of centre. Members of its advisory council include Sir Douglas Hague, who was a member of Mrs Thatcher's policy unit, Yve Newbold, company secretary of Hanson, David Marquand, former Labour MP turned Liberal Democrat, Anita Roddick and Martin Taylor of Courtauld. Mulgan says: "I am sure we will all get on fine. Most of the time."

No resting place

THE spiritual resting place for 300 years of some of the leading men and women of the acting world is finally running out of space. No memorial plaques will go up at St Paul's Church, Covent Garden, in the immediate future.

Margaret Rutherford, Ivor Novello, Vivien Leigh, Marie Lloyd and Noël Coward are all honoured with plaques. Now the diocesan authorities are developing a memorial courtyard on the north side of the church to take the strain.

"All the paving has been renewed, trees and shrubs planted and seating placed around the area," says David Elliott, the rector. "It promises to be a beautiful area where people of the theatrical profession can be remembered."

Exit lines

DAPHNE Du Maurier's 89-year-old sister Angela is moving out of her home of 66 years, which was where the author wrote her first book, Ferryside, in Bodinnick, Cornwall, was bought by the sisters' parents in 1927. While she was living there Du Maurier wrote *The Loving Spirit*, published in 1931.

Angela will go into a nursing home because of failing health, and Christian Browning, Daphne's son, will move into Ferryside. The move coincides with publication of Margaret Forster's biography of Daphne Du Maurier which not only details the relationship with Gertrude Lawrence, but describes why she cared for an aged aunt rather than let her go to an institution.

Will the real Marion stand up: Fabricant, left, and Roe

Smile when you say that, stranger

● Tory MP Michael Fabricant, whose mane is even more distinctive than Michael Heseltine's, has been given a new nickname, Marion. Fabricant, MP for Mid Staffordshire, is only mildly amused. Marion Roe, Tory MP for Broxbourne, is even less thrilled. Fabricant says: "It's all Julian Critchley's fault. He said I looked like Marion Roe in a newspaper article after we had been at a dinner party together. MPs have been calling me Marion ever since." Fabricant should not be too downcast. John Wayne started life under the same moniker.

● *Is Neil Kinnock's blossoming showbusiness career about to take him into impersonation? Let's hope not. Having endured a four-hour delay, long suffering commuters on the Paddington to Cardiff train were subjected to an even worse ordeal: Kinnock amusing colleagues by impersonating Norman Lamont's boring budget speech. True to form, Kinnock was still going strong at Reading.*

MARGOT NORMAN

ber of the *Spare Rib* collec- that the British employ to not to mention a sense of ments of the women's move- So you *admit* you're among parted with Bruce. He does- ately need more tunnelling ALICE THOMSON

YELTSIN'S ROAD

The West should beware autocrats bearing constitutions

The imposition of rule by decree is never palatable; too many dictators have claimed to bypass democracy in order to save it. The criterion which should guide the West in its dealings with Moscow today must be whether temporary presidential rule will help or hinder the market reforms which are indispensable to democratic evolution. The answer: there is no choice now but to support President Yeltsin as he embarks on his risk-laden route out of crisis.

Mr Yeltsin is a popularly elected leader whose protestations of peaceful intent seem sincere. He claims to seek a "civilised" way out of the current drama, and his definition of civilised is the ballot box: a popular vote of confidence on April 25 paving the way to a new constitution and a properly elected legislature to replace one in which four-fifths of the deputies owe their seats to their erstwhile communist affiliations.

His government deserves moral and practical support not least because he did not seek this confrontation with the Congress of People's Deputies or the Supreme Soviet, Russia's two undistinguished and dubiously democratic legislatures. Earlier this month, he fought hard for an accord with the Congress which would enable his government to govern, appealing eloquently for "calm, joint work". His proposed "law on power" would have clarified the respective powers of executive and legislature; it was rejected out of hand. He gained none of the key concessions he sought in order to make Russia governable. By the end of the session, his own office was at the mercy of a legislature packed with former and present communists, which swears by the Russian constitution only because it can amend it virtually at will, and which had just used that power to reduce Mr Yeltsin to a figurehead.

Mr Yeltsin overstates the case by little in describing this manipulation of the constitution as "lawless despotism". The power struggle had come to resemble the struggles of the seventeenth century, when rival tsars fought for the Kremlin, authority collapsed and the people starved. His power was ebbing from him and, short of capitulation, there was no line of retreat for either side.

Mr Yeltsin has, however, counter-attacked across supremely difficult terrain. There are indications that his opponents are no more anxious than he is to bring the army into the picture; neither side can be certain what the consequences would be. But his opponents in the legislature can be expected to try every other means, including a drive to bring the media under their control, to neutralise him in the five weeks before the referendum.

Mr Yeltsin has surmounted the first hurdle by securing the unanimous support of his cabinet, including the so-called "power ministers" — the ministers for defence, security and the interior. But the position of his vice-president, Alexandr Rutskoi, is at best ambivalent. And he cannot even be sure of being able of holding the referendum, let alone of winning it.

Mr Yeltsin has neglected to build a political party of his own; his opponents have powerful constituencies based on the old networks of influence. To win on April 25, he must break down widespread apathy among voters rendered cynical by the months of political deadlock. Although his support for private ownership will be popular, he cannot be sure of the response to a platform based on accelerated reforms.

This is where the West can be of practical use, finalising a concerted programme of debt relief, assistance designed to ease the pain of change among ordinary people and carefully targeted investment for implementation immediately after the referendum. When he defied the leaders of the August coup in 1991, Mr Yeltsin warned them that while they might build a throne by force, "you cannot sit on bayonets for long". Too many of those who now call the anti-Yeltsin tune are also anti-market, anti-democratic and anti-Western; bayonets could be their weapons again. Mr Yeltsin has staked everything on a new, decisive democratic mandate. Between an autocratic democrat, and an anti-democratic "constitutionality", the choice should be clear enough.

THE NEXT CLAUSE

Jack Straw shows Labour one small step to electability

John Smith recently suggested in an interview in *The Times* that a modernisation of Labour's basic aims and beliefs lay in the realms of theology: what was needed was more pragmatism. In a pamphlet published today Jack Straw, the shadow environment secretary, offers a persuasive rebuttal. The problem for Labour at the last general election, he says, was not that the policies were not modern enough, but that voters felt the party was not clear about what it believed in. Hence the effectiveness of the Conservative taunt, "You can't trust Labour."

At issue is the notorious Clause 4, part 4 of Labour's constitution, framed in 1918, which commits Labour to total nationalisation and "the most equitable distribution" of income "that may be possible". Its own very authors would probably be surprised that it still exists. The clause was drawn up in a hurry amid little discussion. It was intended to woo to Labour's cause the Liberal white-collar workers who had benefited from state direction of industry during the war. It reflected a time when, across almost the whole political spectrum from the Labour party to Keynes to Churchill, ran the belief that wartime state control could be successfully adapted to peacetime conditions.

When Hugh Gaitskell tried to replace Clause 4 in 1959, he lost. That acrimonious battle took place at a time when even moderate Labour leaders were still duped by the "success" of socialist planning in Moscow. Harold Wilson's "white heat of technology" speech only four years later referred to the "formidable Soviet challenge" in the education of scientists and said Britain must use "all the resources of democratic planning" to respond. With the failures of communism all too apparent now, hardly anyone in the Labour party now calls for a great expansion in public ownership. But Clause 4 has still survived, a totem of the far left who protected it through the years when the evidence was so firmly against its enforcement. It is still printed on every party membership card.

Clause 4, now more clearly than ever, is a handicap to Labour. It must go. But what should take its place? Mr Straw has suggestions which set out the society that Labour should strive for, including "greater equity in the distribution of life's rewards", and the means by which government can help to secure those ends: intervention "through appropriate measures of regulation, control, and public ownership".

As a member of the shadow cabinet, and no great friend of the left, Mr Straw has gone out on a limb in publishing this pamphlet at all. His proposed replacement for Clause 4 seems designed to alienate as little as possible those who still treat it as untouchable. The result is an updating that might have helped at the last but one election, but looks a little old-fashioned now.

Although Labour's ends will remain in essence more egalitarian than those of the Conservatives, there is still room for more Labour argument about the limits to equality. The means to those ends need not even appear in a constitution. Yesterday's answer to capitalist exploitation was public ownership; today it is not. A truly modern replacement for Clause 4 must now be debated. Somewhat gingerly, Mr Straw has picked up the baton. Others can now run with it.

A BORE FROM BAFTA

Surely the British television industry can do better?

Three hours of soporific and unimaginative broadcasting is a curious way to celebrate the excellence of British film and television. Yet such is the annual ritual of the British Academy of Film and Television Arts awards ceremony, which was broadcast live last night from London and Los Angeles. The transatlantic satellite link was intended to add high-tech spice to a famously dull evening. But the Bafta jamboree has not surrendered its distinctive blend of *ennui* and embarrassment.

In the half century since the Oscars were invented, awards ceremonies have become a ghastly rite of the mass media age, the defining moments of the entertainment industry's calendar. In tearful acceptance speeches the victors offer thanks to their colleagues, friends and therapists, as the camera lingers on the ashen faces of the other nominees, frozen in defeat. Between bouts of self-congratulation the ceremony's presenters indulge in laboured repartee, peppered with interminable film clips. It is hard to believe that the global village of the visual media cannot do better.

The Bafta ceremony is an exception to the rule that Britain borrows American popular culture and improves it. For all the froth that saturates them, the American Academy Awards have acquired an undisputed mystique since they were first given out in 1927 — a mystique for which studios still fight hard in campaigns on behalf of their nominated artists and films. The Cannes awards, on the other hand, are a more sophisticated version of the Oscars, an annual contest in which the next Bergman or Tarkovsky strides into the limelight and is crowned.

In contrast, the world pays little attention to the Bafta awards, which often lag a year behind the Oscars. Because the British entertainment industry chooses to reward domestic television on the same night as it acknowledges international cinema, the Bafta ceremony tends to appear parochial. When the awards excite controversy it is because the Bafta jurors outrage opinion among British programme-makers — as happened last year when the thriller *Prime Suspect* was alleged to have benefited from vote-rigging. Such disputes must seem laughably quaint from the hills of Hollywood.

The British, in any case, are embarrassed by unrestrained back-slapping. "We are a country of ritualists," John Betjeman noted. "And we do ceremonies with more dignity and reverence than any other nation." For that reason, the British do not care to mix ceremony with informality and professional jolliry. On Saturday, the BBC broadcast a parody of award ceremonies, aptly titled Bores of the Year. It says much about the British character that the spoof was so much sharper than the real thing.

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Tragedy and pain in the Balkans

From Dr D. J. Birt

Sir, Dr K. V. Wilkes, in her letter headed "Serbian 'barbarity' " (March 12), expresses concern that certain atrocities are losing their impact by being reported as just "ethnic cleansing".

Of course massacres such as that at Cerecka are "barbaric" — I know only too well how barbaric, having recently returned from the Serbian enclave of Krajina. But ethnic cleansing is not an exclusively Serbian activity. The most despicable terrorist acts are being committed by all sides in all areas and at all times, but only when the media are alerted to a particular incident is it reported in our newspapers. One cannot divide the good from the evil any longer: only the evil remains.

However, Dr Wilkes's final paragraph implies that the Serbs have only recently occupied their enclave in Croatia. The Serbs are no newcomers to the third of Croatia that they currently hold. They have formed an overwhelming majority there since they fled north and west from the invading Turks in the 17th century and formed the ethnic tidemark of the Ottoman empire — a Vojna Krajina (Serbo-Croat for military frontier). There is strong evidence that ethnic cleansing is also no newcomer to this area.

The cruel irony is that ethnic cleansing is likely to hold the key to the only workable solution to the problem of the former Yugoslavia. Surely any successful peacekeeping operation would have to be preceded by the formation of ethnic borders and the separation of warring factions.

Yours faithfully,
D. J. BIRT,
Linden Cottage, North Bovey,
Newton Abbot, Devon.
March 16.

From Mr Martin Cohen

Sir, People are saying that we should "do something" to stop the rapes, the torturing and the murders in Bosnia. They say we should intervene to stop innocent people dying from shelling and starvation caused by the Serbian advance. Don't they understand that we are doing something?

We are following a clear policy: of trying to bring the conflict to a speedy end, by ensuring the weaker side loses. Unlike most government policies, this one is very effective. The Bosnian government has been prevented from arming its people and defending itself. The various envoys have indicated to Serbia that its gains will be allowed to stand. And, finally, we have obstructed every attempt to initiate effective international action.

What more could we do?

Yours etc,
MARTIN COHEN,
4 Wellington Road,
Ilkley, West Yorkshire.

From Mr G. B. H. Wightman

Sir, For day after day, week after week, month after month the Serbs have expanded their hegemony with massacre, torture, mutilation, starvation and rape. The horror continues. The piecemeal efforts to stop, or even to mitigate, this tragedy have failed. The trade embargo has been ineffectual. The aid missions are frustrated. The UN peacekeeping force cannot keep peace. The inconclusive Owen-Vance talks have simply given the Serbs more time. The proposal to send hundreds of thousands of UN troops is impractical.

There is however a course which should check the Serbian aggrandisement and make their forces pull back. With UN sanction, Nato and the United States, and other powers, should bomb Belgrade's utilities, and if necessary other Serbian utilities, until the Serbs withdraw to their original boundaries.

Unless this counter measure is taken the West will go on wringing its hands while little children scream and innocents die.

Yours faithfully,
G. B. H. WIGHTMAN,
Church Farm House, Evenlode,
Moreton-in-Marsh, Gloucestershire.
March 17.

War crimes enquiries

From the Ambassador of Latvia

Sir, Your report (March 18) on the prospect of Nazi war crimes trials in Britain wrongly states that "the ... Latvian authorities have recently withdrawn their help" with the investigations. In fact on the day that the report was published three members of the war crimes unit, led by Detective Inspector D. McDermott, were in discussions in Riga with the Latvian state prosecutor, Mr Zakis. Mr Zakis stated that Latvia has co-operated in the past, is co-operating and will continue to co-operate on this matter, a view confirmed by officials at Scotland Yard.

This approach is reinforced by the Latvian Parliament's declaration of September 19, 1990, condemning and refusing to allow genocide and anti-Semitism in Latvia.

Your report's assertion that there "seems little hope of obtaining evidence" is totally unfounded.

Yours faithfully,
J. LUSIS,
Embassy of the Republic of Latvia,
72 Queensborough Terrace, W2.
March 18.

Tories' approaches to Maastricht

From Mr Michael Fabricant, MP for Staffordshire Mid (Conservative)

Sir, Early in the new Parliament I was one of the proposers of the early day motion advocating a fresh start to our relationship in Europe, following rejection of the Maastricht treaty by the Danes. Despite sustained pressure from the whips, I signed a similar motion again some weeks later. It may or may not have damaged my career in Parliament: only time will tell. I believed that I was right in signalling my misgivings at that time.

But since last June, time has moved on and circumstances have changed. The ERM (exchange-rate mechanism) no longer exists in any meaningful form: it has collapsed. And in any event, we had negotiated an opt-out in the treaty from the logical extreme of the ERM: a single European currency. The French referendum was, in effect, a referendum on French sovereignty; and a United States of Europe now lies dead in the water, too.

In the last few months, French, German, and Dutch diplomats in London have all said to me privately that as so many key areas of the treaty are flawed, there will have to be a renegotiation. But how can Bryan Gould and the Conservative Euro-rebels possibly argue that we should now not ratify this foreign treaty that we agreed upon after lengthy negotiations and say that they wish to negotiate it again?

How seriously can any renegotiation be taken under those circumstances? Those with whom we wish to renegotiate will simply argue, "What is the point? Your government and your Parliament could not deliver on the first negotiation despite your having won major and unique concessions? Why should you be able to deliver on a renegotiation?"

Time has moved on: so has Europe; and so has the Maastricht treaty. We should now ratify, claim the credit for correctly predicting at Maastricht in 1991 that a federal Europe and single currency could never work, and renegotiate the future of Europe from a position of British strength.

Yours faithfully,
MICHAEL FABRICANT,
House of Commons.
March 11.

From Mr Stuart Sexton

Sir, Election manifestos are there to be kept, but it seems circumstances can change. As the Conservative candidate for Workington at the election, I agreed with the manifesto commitment (page 25) that Parliament would "be given the opportunity to consider" the Sunday trading laws again. Yet it seems that a rebel group of 50 Tory MPs who do not want to revise those laws may have pushed the government off that commitment (report, March 19).

I also agreed with the manifesto (page 4) that "we will continue to resist changes to the Treaty of Rome that would damage British business". Unless it is substantially amended, the Maastricht treaty does seek to change the Treaty of Rome in a manner that would damage British business, which is why a rebel group of 50 Tory MPs are trying to hold to that manifesto commitment and the government is trying to push them off it.

By the way, nowhere in the manifesto does it actually say we will ratify the Maastricht treaty.

Yours faithfully,
STUART SEXTON,
8 Harpers Lane, Greysouthen,
Cockermouth, Cumbria.
March 19.

From Mrs Dorothy Stainforth

Sir, William Rees-Mogg's article, "All the myth of Maastricht" (March 15), demonstrates a supercilious negativity towards the European scene that is highly fashionable at the moment. This attitude will do nothing to establish stability in Europe at a time when the structure of the former Soviet Union has all but collapsed, and a bloody civil war is raging in the Balkans.

Surely the time is one for cool, clear British commonsense, and better at the heart of the European community rather than looking on ineffectively from the sidelines?

Yours etc,
DOROTHY STAINFORTH
(Chairman, Bedfordshire South Conservative European Constituency Council),
Gypsy Cottage, Park Lane,
Knebworth, Hertfordshire.
March 15.

Whips and 'rebels'

From Mr Charles Utley

Sir, The difficulties faced by Conservative MPs who disagree with the government's European policies raise important constitutional issues. This is not the first time that a governing party has used strenuous methods of persuasion on its own MPs.

We should beware of becoming too sensitive about the sometimes unattractive tactics used by those who have to get on with the job of governing us. Nevertheless, there are serious dangers in allowing the independence of MPs to be entirely subjugated to the interests of the government of the day.

Traditionally, the Conservative party has understood those dangers. Conservative associations embarking on selecting candidates used actually to be reminded by Conservative Central Office of Burke's famous remarks on the duty an MP owed to his constituents to exercise his own judgment in Parliament. However, recent statements by certain local Conservative workers — e.g., the chairman of the West Midlands Conservative Council (letter, March 10) — do not suggest that Burke's words are accorded the importance they used to be.

Similarly, the whips used to exercise some restraint in dealing with rebellious MPs. Indeed, not long ago, some of the tactics which are reported to have been used by the whips over Maastricht would have been considered to amount to a contempt of Parliament.

It is probably too late to expect restraint from the whips, but voluntary workers in the Conservative party and its rank-and-file members (of whom I am one) should make it clear that they are not prepared to be used to effect a thoroughly dangerous shift in the balance of power between the government and Parliament.

I remain, Sir, your obedient servant,
CHARLES UTLEY,
1A Pitt Crescent,
Wimbledon Park, SW19.
March 19.

Russian army power

From Mr Mark Almond

Sir, The Russian army may be increasingly in a parlous state as Michael Evans suggests ("A Russian army out of orders", March 10), but its capacity to inflict massive damage and suffering on the peoples of the former USSR remains formidable and has recently been demonstrated in Moldova but much more bloodily in Tajikistan and Ingushetia.

Far from providing neutral peacekeeping forces, the Russian troops in Tajikistan and Ingushetia openly sided with one side (the ex-communists) against their rivals.

Thousands of Tajiks have been killed by the supposedly "peacekeeping" 201st Motor Rifle Division which is (as Evans says) "serving on a contract basis" appropriately enough since the new rulers in Tajikistan are a mixture of the old nomenklatura and local mafia. Hundreds of thousands of Tajiks have been put to flight in a bitter winter.

The concern of our military and strategic establishment for the fate of their former Cold War rivals may be chivalrous, but it seems to blind the MoD and Sandhurst to the brutal realities of the situation in much of the CIS (Commonwealth of Independent States).

Things are looking up for the Russian military as its power and influence swells in Moscow and across the CIS. The decision a few days ago to form a unified army between Russia and Kazakhstan is one straw in the strategic wind. Another is President Yeltsin's decree giving the officer corps favourable treatment in the privatisation process.

Defence minister Pavel Grachev is rapidly finding ways to look after his professional core. Grief for the demise of the Russian army is premature.

Yours faithfully,
MARK ALMOND,
Oriel College, Oxford.
March 10.

Import replacement

From Mr Bruce M. Pratt

Sir, In this part of Wiltshire almost every farmer has a three or four-wheeled, fat-tyred, all-terrain runabout for quick access to distant sections of his farm. The situation is probably repeated in most farms throughout Britain.

These vehicles are powered by motor cycle-type engines and are, I believe, all imported. With Britain's long tradition of motor cycle manufacture and the host of now redundant skilled engineering workers it would not seem to be a difficult matter to manufacture the machines in this country with the resultant employment of skilled workers and a reduction in our trade deficit.

The design, which could be an offshoot of the existing ride-on mower machine, could incorporate all desirable features of imported vehicles plus results of a consensus among farmers as to features they would most desire in a new machine.

Yours faithfully,
BRUCE M. PRATT,
Yarnfield Cottage, Maiden Bradley,
Nr Warminster, Wiltshire.

Hedging ahead

From Lord Kilbracken

Sir, Mr Michael Robinson (letter, March 17) scoffs that it would take a century to renovate all the hedges of Sussex with the 14 workers already trained. However, if his mathematics are correct, it would take only 70 workers to finish the job in a completely acceptable two decades. Let's get going!

Yours faithfully,
JOHN KILBRACKEN,
House of Lords.

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The Birt affair and BBC management

From Mr Peter Dimmock

Sir, Without wishing to enter the controversy about John Birt's contractual arrangement with the BBC, may I add my support to the point made yesterday by Sir David Attenborough on BBC radio's *Today* programme that the real issue is one of structural management within the corporation.

Before the appointment of Charles Hill to the chairmanship (by Harold Wilson) the BBC had been managed by the director-general, who was in effect the chief executive officer. The role of the chairman and his board of governors was to give non-executive guidance to the director-general and his board of management.

This enabled the chairman to discuss with the government of the day any points of disagreement without them first becoming major issues in the media. It was a system that by and large worked well.

If the BBC's charter is to be renewed, perhaps some consideration should be given to restoring this working relationship between the chairman and the director-general.

Yours faithfully,
PETER DIMMOCK,
Garrick Club, Garrick Street, WC2.
March 18.

From Mr John Burrell

Sir, Lord Rees-Mogg's apologia for John Birt's tax arrangements ("A very British coup", March 18) offers the intriguing but unproven theory of a failed coup against the director-general by disgruntled rivals. At the same time it totally avoids the central issues of public concern.

Why were Mr Birt's peculiar tax arrangements acceptable for nearly six years but instantly become "inappropriate" when reported by a national newspaper?

To echo the remarks of Lord Runcie, also reported in *The Times* today ("What is a resigning matter?"), isn't it a very dangerous argument to suppose that anyone in public life is indispensable, whatever their behaviour? Surely there are occasions when honour must take precedence over administrative convenience.

Yours sincerely,
JOHN BURRELL,
15 Aberdare Gardens, NW6.
March 18.

From the Editor of The Observer

Sir, How curious that William Rees-Mogg's refined, though eccentric moral sensors should have picked up the faintest whiff of blasphemy in the BBC's choice of reading for its 60th anniversary service in St Paul's Cathedral, yet significantly failed to detect the overpowering reek of unrighteousness in the financial arrangements agreed between the chairman and director-general.

It was one of Lord Rees-Mogg's predecessors as editor of *The Times*, Sir William Haley, also a director-general of the BBC, who once said very aptly: "There are some things in this life which are false and bad and ugly and no amount of specious casuistry will turn them into something which is true and good and beautiful."

Yours sincerely,
DONALD TRELFORD,
Editor, *The Observer*,
Chelsea Bridge House,
Queenstown Road, SW8.

From Mr John Fingleton

Sir, So the governors of the BBC have decided that the resignations of the chairman or the director-general were not appropriate as they would not, apparently, be "in the interest of the BBC" (report, March 19).

I wonder if they gave any thought to such action possibly being in the interests of honour or morality — commodities which appear from various recent happenings in public life (e.g., airlines, politics or even cricket selection) to be in somewhat short supply.

Yours faithfully,
JOHN FINGLETON,
19 York House,
Upper Montagu Street, W1.
March 19.

From Mr J. Mackie

Sir, Within the BBC the recent support for Mr Birt comes almost entirely from senior staff. Could it be that they have the opportunity to work for the BBC with service contracts through their limited companies, whereas the lower ranks do not?

Yours,
J. MACKIE,
29 St Andrews Road South,
St Annes-on-Sea, Lancashire.
March 17.

Only human?

From Mr P. E. Jones

Sir, If, as you say today in your leading article, "Giants with clay feet", the alleged affairs/relationships of Daphne du Maurier and Lord Reith are "the foibles of ordinary human behaviour", what should we regard as deviant behaviour?

Yours perplexedly,
PHILIP E. JONES,
27 Craigiebield Crescent,
Penicuik, Midlothian.
March 15.

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BUCKINGHAM PALACE
March 20: The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh were represented by Dr Ronald Davey (Physician to The Queen) at the service of thanksgiving for the life of Dr Charles Elliott (formerly Physician to The Queen) which was held in St Mary's Church, West Walton, Cambridgeshire, today.
March 20: The Prince Edward, President, this evening attended a performance given by the National Youth Music Theatre of the opera "Saint Francis" at Eton, Royal County of Berkshire, and was received by the Provost (Sir Antony Acland).
KENSINGTON PALACE
March 20: The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon, Patron, The Scottish Ballet, this evening attended a gala performance by the company at the Theatre Royal, Glasgow, in aid of the Scottish Children's League, of which Her Royal Highness is President.
The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon, was received by the Lord Lieutenant for the City of Glasgow, the Right Hon The Lord Provost Robert Innes.
Mrs Charles Vyvyan was in attendance.
KENSINGTON PALACE
March 21: The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon, President, the Scottish Children's League, was present this afternoon at the launch of a national balloon race to begin the celebrations of the league's centenary year, in Holyrood Park, Edinburgh.
Her Royal Highness was received by the Lord Lieutenant for the City of Edinburgh (Councillor Norman Irons, The Right Hon The Lord Provost).
Mrs Charles Vyvyan was in attendance.
KENSINGTON PALACE
March 20: Princess Alice, Duchess of Gloucester, was represented by Mrs Michael Harvey at a service of thanksgiving for the life of Dr Charles Elliott (formerly Physician to The Queen) which was held in St Mary's Church, West Walton, Cambridgeshire, today.
YORK HOUSE
ST JAMES'S PALACE
March 21: The Duke and Duchess of Kent this evening attended a peformance of the War Requiem given by the London Symphony Orchestra in aid of the Vishnevskaya Rostropovich Foundation at the Royal Albert Hall, London SW7.
Mrs Peter Troughton and Commander Roger Walker, RN were in attendance.

Today's royal engagements

The Prince of Wales will open Vintners Place, Upper Thames Street, at 3.00, the Duke of Gloucester will be present, and, as President of The Prince's Trust and The Prince's Youth Business Trust, will attend a reception for supporters at St James's Palace at 6.30.
The Princess of Wales will attend the re-launch of Chiswick Family Rescue (the world's first refuge for battered women) at the Queen Elizabeth II Conference Centre at 11.40.
Prince Edward will open the Harbour Club, Watermeadow Lane, SW6, at 10.30.
The Princess Royal will attend a dinner at the Midland Hotel, Manchester, at 7.25 to welcome the International Olympic Committee Enquiry Commission to Manchester.

Memorial service

Sir John Verney
A service of thanksgiving for the life of Sir John Verney was held on Saturday at the Church of St Peter and St Paul, Clare, Suffolk. The Rev John Rankin officiated, assisted by the Rev Andrew Gair. Sir Ralph Verney read a poem from the works of C.E. Montague and an extract from Sir John's own work, *Going to the Wars*. Mrs Angelica Kennard, daughter, read from *The Prophet* by Kahlil Gibran and Mrs Sabrina Verney, daughter, read her own poem *February's Requiem*. Earl Jellicoe, the Rev Robin Denniston, Mr Miles Hildyard, Mr John Grigg and Mr Craig Brown paid tribute.

West Midlands TAVR Association

The West Midlands TAVR Association Employers Liaison Committee for the Reserve Forces held a reception for Employers in the Council House, Birmingham, on Friday evening, March 19, 1993. Sir Alexander Graham, Chairman of the National Employer Liaison Committee and Colonel A.B. Griffiths received the guests who included: The Lord Lieutenant of the West Midlands, the Earl of Aylesford and the Lord Mayor of Birmingham, Councillor Peter Barwell, and the Lady Mayoress.

Christening

The infant daughter of Mr and Mrs Patrick O'Dwyer was christened Abbeyanne by Father John Bowland on Sunday, March 21, in St George's Chapel, Windlesham Arboretum, by courtesy of Major William Spowers. The godparents are Mr and Mrs P. Schlosser and Mrs N. Waters.

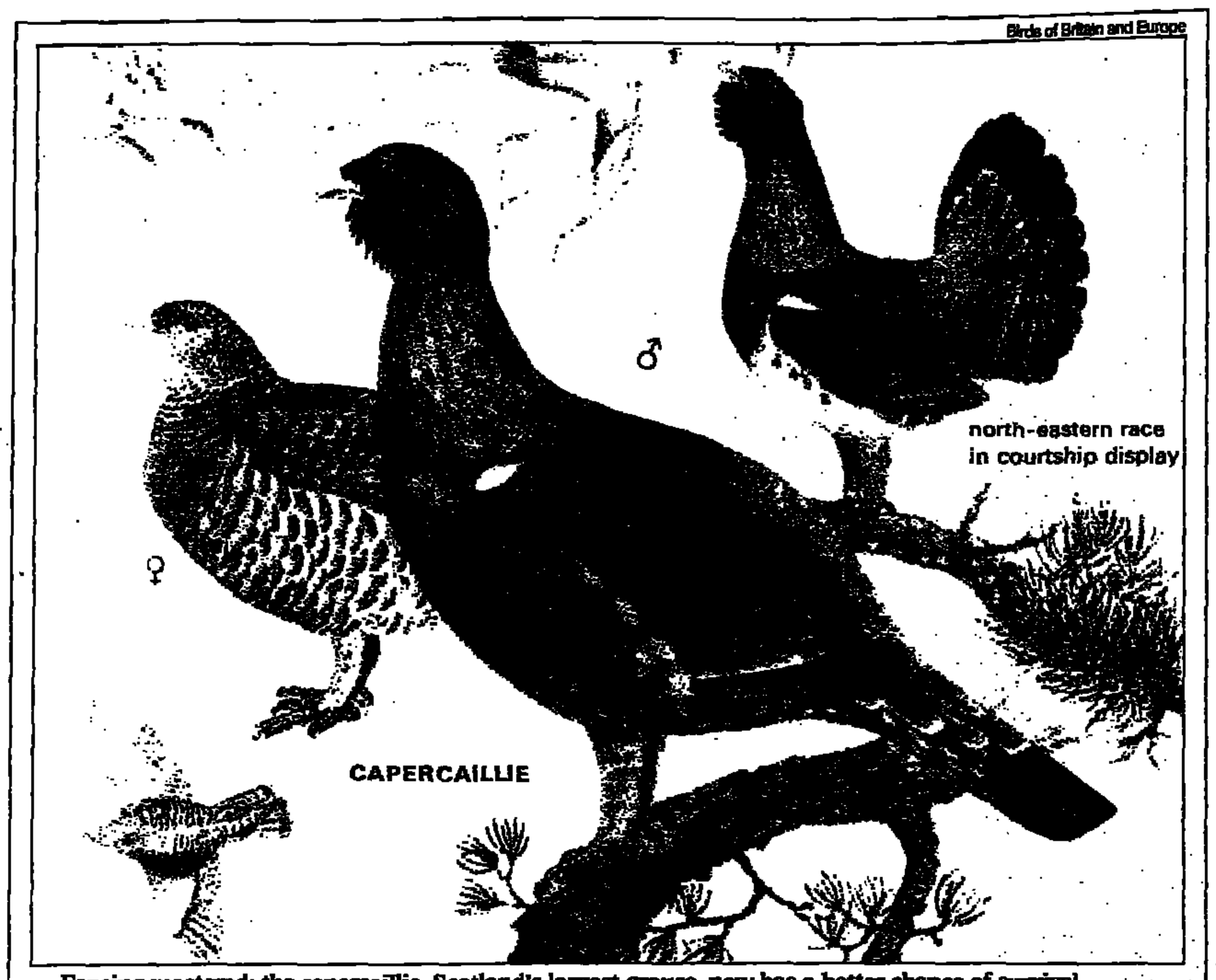
Nature notes

OUT on lakes, drake tufted ducks are making their spring calls — soft, bell-like notes that float over the water. The sound is usually heard when two drakes are swimming competitively round a female: the drakes also throw their glossy purple heads back so that the long crest dangles behind for a moment. Most of the cormorants that wintered inland have now gone back to the coast, but some younger birds remain: they can be distinguished by their white chests. Black-headed gulls have also returned to their nesting colonies, leaving behind only a few mottled first-year birds that will not breed. Many more chiffchaffs have arrived since last week, and they are now challenging each other in the woods with their songs.

Flowers opening on many trees give a red glow among the twigs. There are small clusters of crimson flowers on the elms, and reddish-purple clumps round the black leaf buds on the ash trees. There are dangling red catkins on the Lombardy poplars, and fatter ones on the black Italian poplars. On crab-apple trees, there are pink flower buds: when they open out, they will prove to be white inside.

DJM

The tufted duck



Fencing mastered: the capercaillie, Scotland's largest grouse, now has a better chance of survival

Deer fences fall to save the flying turkeys

MILES of costly deer fencing is being pulled down in the Scottish highlands to save the capercaillie from extinction. The fences have proved fatal to the bird, Scotland's comical "airborne turkey", which flies into them and kills itself (Gillian Bowditch writes).

The Royal Society for the Protection of Birds has removed 17 miles of deer fencing from Scotland's largest native pinewood reserve at Abernethy in an attempt to increase capercaillie numbers. In some areas 30 per cent of the capercaillie population dies after flying into fencing, more than are killed by wild animals, pesticides or lack of food.

The RSPB says research at Abernethy, Tayside, has shown that the fencing causes many bird deaths. Eight different species were recorded flying into the fencing with capercaillie and black grouse particularly at risk due to their habit of flying low and fast through the forest, often unable to change course until too late.

However, if the fencing is removed deer can stop forest regeneration by eating and trampling down the young trees. At Abernethy nature reserve deer numbers have been reduced to a level at which the pinewood can regenerate. Desmond Dugan, the warden, says: "We hope that capercaillie and black grouse will now thrive in these old pinewoods unhampered by fences".

Capercaillie numbers in Scotland are thought to have declined by more than 80 per cent in the last 15 years to around 2,000. They are found in the area between the Forth and the Caledonian Canal but although they can be as big as a domestic turkey they are difficult to spot and it is rare for the millions of tourists who visit Scotland every year to see one.

The decline in the native Scots pine forest, the haunt of the capercaillie, has not helped numbers. The replacement of the native pine with dense spruce has also been bad for the birds who do not like this type of habitat. Breeding has been hampered by a series of wet cold springs and capercaillies are prized by European trophy hunters.

Scotland has about 1 per cent of the world's capercaillies; most of the rest are in Russia.

Birthdays today

Lord Alport, 81; Mr George Benson, singer and guitarist, 50; Mr R.A. Bethell, Lord Lieutenant of Humberside, 71; Viscount Bolingbroke, 66; Mrs Betty Callaway, ice-skating trainer, 65; Miss Sheila Cameron, QC, Vicar-General of the Province of Canterbury, 59; the Very Rev Robert Craig, former Moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, 76; Air Marshal Sir Denis Crowley-Milling, 74; Mr Philip Ely, former president, Law Society, 57; Mr Brian Hanrahan, broadcaster, 44; Mr D.C. Ingman, chairman, British Waterways Board, 65; the Very Rev Lawrence Jackson, Provost Emeritus of Blackburn, 67; Professor Harry Kay, former vice-chancellor, Exeter University, 74.

Sir Andrew Lloyd Webber, composer, 45; M Marcel Marceau, mime artist, 70; Lavinia Duchess of Norfolk, LG, 77; Mr C.S. Pick, publisher, 76; Sir Lynden Pindling, former Prime Minister of The Bahamas, 63; Sir Bryan Roberts, QC, 70; Mr Paul Schockemöhle, showjumper, 48; Mr William Shatner, actor, 62; Mr Stephen Sondheim, composer and lyricist, 63; Lord Stokes, 79; Mr Leslie Thomas, author, 62; Admiral Sir Richard Thomas, 61; Professor Leslie Turnberg, president, Royal College of Physicians, 59; Miss Fanny Waterman, concert pianist and teacher, 73; Professor D. Watson, director, University of Brighton, 44; Miss Priscilla Yates, a former director, Royal Academy of Dancing, 46.

Forces appointments

Royal Navy
CAPTAIN: J R Cartwright - NATO USA 3.9.93; A K Dymock - MOD London 17.9.93; G B D Lane - Campbeltown in Cmd 7.9.93; C J N Morrison - Rosyth 26.8.93; A J S Taylor - Fearless in Comd 30.7.93.
COMMANDER: R E Burgess - MOD London 24.9.93; A M Hussain - MOD London 23.7.93; S C Jermy - MOD London 10.9.93; W E P Jones - Neptune 5.11.93; S R Kirby - NATO USA 20.7.93; J H Morgan - MoD Portsdown 28.7.93; R T Stanton - Rosyth 17.9.93; P J Unwin - Nelson W Island 4.5.93.
Retirements
SURGEON COMMODORE (D): B Robinson - 6.6.93.
COMMANDER: C A Scott - 2.4.93.

The Army
BRIGADIER: C F Drewry - To MoD 22.3.93.
LIEUTENANT COLONEL: J R Barnes RCT - To MoD 25.1.93; W G Dover RCT - to FRG MoD 22.3.93; N B Josling RAOC - To MoD 26.3.93; A R R McAslan RE - To be CO Cardiff UOTC 22.3.93; M F Richardson D and D - To be CO London UOTC 24.3.93; R W Ewence RA - To RA Gunnery Trg Estab 22.3.93; L G A Clarke to RAM College; J B Kennedy to Depot & Trg Centre QARANC; H W G Lanns to HQ Wales & Western District; R A Bencini RAMC to New Territories Group Practice; C M James RADC to 3 Dental Group.
Retirements
COLONEL: K D Printer late RAMC; J Bradshaw late RAMC.
LIEUTENANT COLONEL: K Thillagarajah RAMC.

Royal Air Force
Air Vice-Marshal G A Robertson CBE is appointed Air Officer Commanding No 2 Group on April 1.
AIR COMMODORE: H A Wober - to MOD 22.3.93.
GROUP CAPTAIN: N J Day - To RAF Lossiemouth 22.3.93; R V Morris - To RAF Honington 22.3.93.
WING COMMANDER: J L Pilkington - To 30 MU Sealand 22.3.93; J Dyer - To RAF Rheindahlen 22.3.93; P J Hilling - To RAF Brize Norton 22.3.93.

Service dinners

RCT TA
Colonel I.W.B. McRobbie, Colonel of Volunteers, and Colonel C.J. Constable, Commander, Royal Corps of Transport TA, held the final dinner of the RCT TA on Saturday at the Prince William of Gloucester Barracks, Grantham. Lieutenant-Colonel C.W.M. Milner-Williams presided. General Sir John Learmont, Quartermaster General, and Major-General J. MacDonald, Director-General of Transport and Movements, were the principal guests.

The Royal Welch Fusiliers TA
The annual dinner of the dining club of the 6th/7th Battalion The Royal Welch Fusiliers TA was held on Saturday at the Criag Y Dderwen Hotel, Betws Y Coed, Gwynedd. Colonel J.N. Egan presided.

Dinner

Rotary Club of London
Mr Neville Shulman, President of the Rotary Club of London, presided at a dinner held on Saturday at the St Pierre Hotel, Gwent. Miss Gwendoline Butler and Mr John Kennedy Melling also spoke.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Sir Anthony Van Dyck, painter, Antwerp, 1599; William Pulteney, Earl of Bath, statesman, London, 1684; Edward Moore, writer, Abingdon, Berkshire, 1712; Adam Sedgwick, geologist and dalesman, Dent, Yorkshire, 1785; William I, King of Prussia 1861-88, German Emperor 1871-88, Berlin, 1797; Carl Rosa, founder of the opera company bearing his name, Hamburg, 1842; "Chico" Marx, actor and comedian, New York, 1891; Nicholas Monsarrat, novelist, Liverpool, 1910; Gerard Hoffnung, artist, humourist and musician, Berlin, 1925.

DEATHS: Jean-Baptiste Lully, composer, Paris, 1687; Jonathan Edwards, theologian, Princeton, 1758; John Canton, scientist, 1772; Johann Wolfgang von Goethe, poet, Weimar, Germany, 1832; Thomas Hughes, politican and author of *Tom Brown's Schooldays*, Brighton, 1896; Frederick William Farrar, writer of school stories and Dean of Canterbury 1895-1903, Canterbury, 1903; Michael Todd, film magnate, killed in an air crash, New Mexico, 1958.

The battleships Victoria and Camperdown collided off Tripoli, Syria, with the loss of 338 lives, 1893.

Because of a drought the American side of the Niagara Falls ran short of water, 1903.

The first cabs with taxi meters began operating in London, 1907.

School news

Downe House
Scholarship Awards 1993
Sixth Form Scholarship
Catherine Williamson, Stroud High School, Stroud.
Under 14
The Olive Willis Scholarship: Elizabeth McCosh, Cargilfield School, Edinburgh; Katherine Cooper, Downe House.
Exhibitions: Jessica Carlisle, Dragon School, Oxford.
Under 13
Downe House Scholarship: Jennifer Kenning, St Anselm's School, Bakewell; Flora Rose, Downe House.
Exhibition: Carrie Beaumont, North Foreland Lodge School, Basingstoke.
Under 12
Downe House Scholarship: Felicity Fitzgerald, Sarum Hall School, London.
Minor Scholarships: Katy McCombe, Whitelands Park County Primary School, Thatcham; Emma Lowry, Rowan Preparatory School, Claygate.
Exhibitions: Alice Fishburn, Englefield Primary School, Englefield; Catherine Campbell, Daneshill School, Basingstoke.
Sixth Form Music Scholarship
Fiona Neilson, Downe House.
Sixth Form Exhibition
Kathryn Oldham, The Arts Educational School, Tring.
Under 13 Music Scholarship
Fiona Bankes, The Carrdus School, Banbury; Kate Milne, Farleigh School, Andover; Charlotte Morris, St Hilary's School, Godalming; Charlotte Tetley, Queen Mary's School, York.
Under 13 Music Exhibition
Rose-Anna Daukes, Rookesbury Park School, Hampshire.

Felsted School
The Governors are pleased to announce the appointment of Mr S.C. Roberts as Headmaster of Felsted School from September 1, 1993, in succession to Mr E.J.H. Gould who has been appointed Master of Marlborough.

Giggleswick School
The Governors of Giggleswick School are pleased to announce that Mr A.P. Millard, the present Headmaster of Wycliffe College, has been appointed Headmaster of Giggleswick from September 1, 1993, when Mr P. Hobson will leave to assume the Headship of Charterhouse.

More House School
An academic scholarship has been awarded from September 1993 to Naoise Mac Sweeney, of St Mary Abbot's Primary School.

Worth School
Abbot Dominic Gaisford, in association with the Board of Governors of Worth School, have appointed Father Christopher Jamison to be Headmaster of Worth from January 1994, in succession to Father Stephen Ortiger, who will have served as Head for ten years.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr J.D. Heeb and Miss J.D.B. Billinghurst
The engagement is announced between Jonathan, son of Mr and Mrs Tom Heeb, lately of Helsinki and now of Dronfield, Sheffield, and Jessica, younger daughter of Dr and Mrs John Billinghurst, of Sevenoaks, Kent.

Captain M.I. Ridsdill Smith, RE, and Miss A. Stannard
The engagement is announced between Captain Michael Ridsdill Smith, Royal Engineers, eldest son of Dr and Mrs Robin Ridsdill Smith, of Aylesford, Kent, and Annalisa, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Trevor Stannard, of Felixstowe, Suffolk.

Mr P.J. Strain and Miss C.E. Flaxman
The engagement is announced between Paul, son of Mr and Mrs David Strain, of Alcester, and Catherine, daughter of Mr and Mrs Percy Flaxman, of London, N10.

Church news

Clergy appointments
The Rev Philip Roberts, Curate, St James and St John, Friern Barnet (London): to be Assistant Curate, Farnham Royal w Hedgerley (Oxford).
The Rev Nicholas Smith: to have permission to officiate, diocese Birmingham.
The Rev Michael Webb, Curate, Broughton Astley St Mary: to be Assistant Priest, Hugglescote w Donington, Ellistown and Snibston (Leicester).

Resignations and retirements
The Rev Michael Lennox, Rector, Kingsnorth w Shadoxhurst (Canterbury): to retire from August 31.
The Rev Harry Black, Rector, South Ockendon (Chelmsford): to retire as from May 31.
The Rev Colin Charlton, Priest-in-charge, Bentley Common (Chelmsford): to retire as from July 1.
The Rev Joseph Green: retired as Rural Dean of Hodnet (Lichfield) as from February 28; and to retire as Rector, Hodnet (Lichfield) as from May 31.
The Rev John Mockford, Vicar, St Margaret's, Ipswich (St Edmundsbury and Ipswich): to retire as from May 31.
The Rev Canon John Murrell, Vicar, Thorington w Wenhaston, Bramfield and Walberswick (St Edmundsbury and Ipswich): to retire as from September 18.

Other news
Mr Graham Phillips, Diocesan Secretary, diocese of Winchester: to retire as from December 31.

University news

Durham
Mr Michael Reynolds to be Visiting Professor in EC Competition Law in the Department of Law; Dr Madeline Bacon and Dr Charles Heywood to be lecturers in the Department of Psychology.
East Anglia
The following to receive honorary degrees in July:
Litt D: Dr John Blatchly, local historian; Professor Charles Handy, management development expert; ScD: Professor Tom Blundell, director general of the Agricultural and Food Research Council; Sir John Houghton, former chief executive of the Meteorological Office; MA: Ivy Hood, Secretary of the Lowestoft Literary and Scientific Association; the Rev Jack Burton, bus driver and minister; Charles Roberts, literary and arts editor of Eastern Counties Newspapers.

Latest wills

John Francis Rodney, 9th Baron **Rodney**, of London W8, a former delegate to the Council of Europe and the Western European Union, left estate valued at £436,130 net.
Mr Rowland **Shand Kydd** of London W2, left estate valued at £3,095,288 net.
Elizabeth Grace, Dowager Duchess of **Richmond, Lennox and Gordon**, of Goodwood, West Sussex, widow of the 9th Duke of Richmond and 4th Duke of Gordon, left estate valued at £382,884.

Inner Temple

1993 Duke of Edinburgh Entrance Scholarships, which defray the cost of admission to the Inn and Call to the Bar, have been awarded to the following:

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BIRTHS

BICKET - On March 13th, to Marianne and Simon, a son, John.
COOK - On 19th March, to Meriel (née Tallack) and Haydn, a lovely daughter, Tamsin Iona, sister for Bryony and Tristan. Many thanks to Friarage Hospital.
DAVIES - On March 18th at St Thomas' Hospital, to Antonia (née Chittenden) and Mark, a daughter.
McKENZIE - On 12th March to Catriona (née Beard) and Donald, a lovely son, Robert James Andrew, a brother for Kirsty and Fiona.
WILKINSON - On March 16th, in Darlington, to Mary (née Wilson) and Julian, beautiful twins, Ruth and Sylvia.

MARRIAGES

PHILLIPS:PHILLIPS - The marriage took place on Friday 19th March between Mr Basil B. Phillips O.B.E. and Mrs Anne Phillips (née Dickinson), at Chelsea Registry Office.

DEATHS

ADLINGTON - on March 18th, 1993, Ruth Graham, passed away suddenly just a week after dear Reg. Funeral service at St Peter's Church, Stratton, Cirencester at 2.30pm on Friday March 26th. Donations if desired, to the RNLI C/O L.E. Perry, 15 Hampton St, Tetbury, Glos.

BARRINGTON STILES - John, M.I.Mech.E., M.I.Mar.E. - Funeral at Godalming Crematorium, Peasmarsh at 2.30pm on March 29th, 1993. Father to John and Roger, whose mother, Florence, is predeceased. Grandfather to Jennifer, Susan, Emma, Jonathon, Roland, Lucy and Jemima. Great-grandfather to Ella and Robin. "Home is the sailor, home from the sea."

BRADLEY - On March 16th, peacefully at home, Mary Crawford, aged 74, widow of Ben Bradley and much loved aunt of Margaret, Stephen and Frances. Funeral Service at the Tunbridge Wells Crematorium on Friday April 2nd, at 12 noon. Family flowers only; but donations to Hospice at Home may be sent to E.R. Hickmott & Sons, Funeral Directors, 41 Grove Hill Road, Tunbridge Wells TN1 1SD.

DANIEL - On March 19th suddenly at home, Jennifer devoted wife of the late Trevor Mervyn. Mother of Anthony, Grandmother of James and Camilla. Funeral on Friday, March 26th. Family flowers only. Donations in lieu may be sent to CARE or the Salvation Army c/o of Francis Chappell, Sevenoaks. (0732) 450203.

DREW - On March 17th, Geoffrey Francis, dearly loved husband of Penny and father of Francis and Alexander. He will be sadly missed by all his family and friends. Funeral service at Aldershot Crematorium at 11.00 a.m. on Thursday March 25th. Donations, if desired, to The National Deaf Childrens Society, 45 Hereford Rd, London W2.

FRANCIS - on March 19th peacefully, Evelyn Marjorie (Barb) in her 96th year, wife of the late Mark Francis. Much loved Mother of John and Gerry, Grandmother and Great Grandmother. Cremation private. No letters or flowers please at her request. Donations may be made to St Mary's Church, Bures, Suffolk. A service of thanksgiving will be announced.

JERVOIS - On March 18th 1993, suddenly but peacefully, Linda, much loved wife of James and mother of Melanie and William. Private cremation, followed by Service of Thanksgiving at St. Mary's Church, Church Rd, Barnes SW13, on Friday March 26th at 1.00 p.m. Family flowers only, but donations if desired to The M.S. Society, 25 Effie Road, London SW6.

LILLYWHITE - On March 18th John W of Cavendish Avenue, Cambridge peacefully at home after a short illness aged 96 years. A cheerful and witty companion to the end. Funeral Service at St John's Church Cambridge on Wednesday March 24th at 3.30 pm followed by cremation. No flowers. If desired donations may be sent to Blue Cross, Cambridge.

MATHWIN - On March 17th at Whitegates, Westfield, East Sussex, Margaret Marjorie, in her 89th year, formerly of Monmouthshire, widow of Frank Gwynn (Shaire) and mother of George Luttrell (Jake). Funeral followed by interment at Llangybi Church, Usk, Gwent on Tuesday March 23rd at 2.30pm. Family flowers only may be sent to the Church, but if desired, donations to the Leonard Cheshire Foundation, 26/29 Maunsel Street, London SW1P 2QN.

NICHOLSON - Lt. Col. Felix, on 18th March 1993, aged 76, suddenly after a lovely holiday. Much loved by all his family. Service at St Mary's Church, Rimpton, 11 am Friday 26th March. Flowers, or donations for planting of village trees if desired to Harold F. Miles, Funeral Dir, South Cadbury, Somerset. Tel: 0963 40567.

PALMER - On March 14th peacefully in his sleep at home. Adrian Horsley. Cremation private. Memorial to be announced.

ROGERS - On March 18th, peacefully after a short illness, John Rogers, of Harpenden, Herts, and formerly of Horton Kirby, Kent. Much loved and loving husband of Olive and father of Ann and Mary. Funeral at 11.45 a.m., Friday March 26th, West Herts Crematorium: family flowers only. Donations to Friends of the Earth; enquiries to L.C. Weston, 17 Leyton Rd, Harpenden. Tel: 0582 2865.

RUSSELL - On March 19th 1993, at St. Luke's Hospital, Oxford, Joycelyne Gledhill, Emeritus Fellow of St. Hugh's College, beloved wife of Donald, dear sister of Trevor Dickinson and aunt of Penelope Beswick and Jane Carswell. The Funeral Service will take place at St. Michael at the Northgate, Oxford on Wednesday March 24th at 11 am followed by cremation at Oxford Crematorium. Donations to the Radiotherapy Department Rebuilding Fund, Churchill Hospital or the Plastic Surgery Research Fund, Radcliffe Infirmary, Oxford.

SIDES - Sr Dorothy (Church Army) on 17th March aged 79. Funeral Service at St John's Church, Burgess Hill on Thursday 25th March at 12 noon. Enquiries to Father Jupp (0444) 232582

STILES - See Barrington Stiles

WHISHAW - On March 17th, 1993, peacefully at Mount Alvernia Hospital, Guildford, Betty Vyvyan, widow of Monty Whishaw, beloved mother of Colin, Nick, Vivian and Jonathan and much loved grandmother. Private cremation. Service of Thanksgiving at The Church of St. Michael & All Angels, Bassett, Southampton on Thursday March 25th, 1993 at 3.00 pm. No flowers please. Donations may be sent to Royal National Lifeboat Institution, West Quay Road, Poole, Dorset BH15 1HZ

WILLIAMS - Marjorie (née Corbyn) on Tuesday March 16th at Fulbourn Hospital, Cambridge, aged 78. Widow of the late Montague, beloved mother of Jonathan and Felicity and Grandmother of Joel, Katherine and Ciaran. Funeral service to be held at St Andrews Church, Swavesey, Cambs., on Thursday, 25th March at 10.45 am. No flowers please, but donations may be made to Cancer Research.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

SPENCER - Sir Kelvin. A Memorial Service for Sir Kelvin Spencer will be held at St.Winifred's Church, Branscombe, Devon at 2.30 pm on Saturday 27th March. No flowers please, donations to Friends of The Earth.
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OBITUARIES

ALEXEI ADZHUBEI

Alexei Adzhubei, Soviet journalist who was Khrushchev's son-in-law and from 1959 to 1964 editor-in-Chief of the newspaper *Izvestia* has died aged 68. He was born in Samarkand, in Uzbekistan, in 1924.

Adzhubei and his wife Rada at the Paris Opera in 1959

DURING the five years of Khrushchev's supremacy as Soviet leader, Alexei Adzhubei, too, enjoyed power and influence unparalleled by any Soviet journalist. Through his lively editorship first of *Komsomolskaya Pravda* and then of *Izvestia*, he shook the Soviet press out of its uniformity and dullness, making the papers more accessible to the readers to whom they were supposed to be appealing.

But he also acted in that period of greater cordiality in relations with the West almost as a roving ambassador for the Soviet Union. He travelled extensively abroad, hob-nobbing with the likes of President Kennedy and the West German Chancellor, Ludwig Erhard. In this role he often smoothed the path for subsequent official visits by Khrushchev himself. It was even rumoured at one time that Khrushchev intended to make Adzhubei his foreign minister.

This unique position of course owed almost everything to his marriage to Khrushchev's second daughter, Rada. The truth of a rhyming couplet, in wide circulation in the Soviet Union in those years, which ran cynically:

Why have a hundred friends, they say,
You've just got to marry like Adzhubei . . .

could scarcely be denied. Yet it must be conceded that Adzhubei made the best of having married the boss's daughter. His well-publicised meteoric rise appealed to an emerging generation of Russians which was beginning to dislike the shadowy, depersonalised quality of its leaders' lives. Adzhubei's curiosity about the outside world, too, echoed theirs. His garrulous personality went down well in the years of the Khrushchev thaw, when a greater openness in the exchange of ideas seemed, briefly to herald a more human Soviet state. With his stocky form seemingly bursting with energy, and his vivid blue eyes and blond hair, Adzhubei appeared to radiate goodwill wherever he went.

Alexei Ivanovich Adzhubei was born into a worker family. When he was still a child his father died and his mother brought him up in Moscow where he went to school. Towards the end of the war he served in the Soviet Army and afterwards attended the Moscow Arts Theatre Studio School before graduating from Moscow University's faculty of journalism. At the university he met and, in 1947, married Rada Khrushchev.

While still at university he had become student corespondent of *Komsomolskaya Pravda*, the newspaper of the Communist Youth League. After graduating he joined the overseas department of the paper and it was not long before he was on its editorial board. In 1957 he became chief editor and initiated a journalistic revolution which, of course, had the blessing of authority at the highest levels. Bulganin and Khrushchev were still in harness as, respectively, premier and Communist party first secretary at this point, but it was Khrushchev who was to triumph in the following year, deposing Bulganin and assuming both offices.

In the meantime at *Komsomolskaya Pravda* innovations of unimaginable sauciness were taking place. Pictures of pretty girls replaced the stolid shop floor matrons who had until then been the paper's nearest approach to sex appeal. Dramatic headlines broke up the grey deadness of format. "Personal confession" columns and cartoons all became part of an attempt to make the paper more attractive. The pent-up talents of journalists, stifled by years of enforced drabness, were suddenly released as their new editor sent them out into the field in search of stories which they were encouraged to tell in simple and human terms. In three years *Komsomolskaya Pravda's* circulation soared from 1.5 million to 3.5 million.

These developments continued at the government newspaper *Izvestia* when Adzhubei went there in 1959. Intensely interested in the outside world from which he had been excluded for so long, he travelled widely, to Britain, France, Italy, Australia, the US and Latin America. In the US during the course of several visits he conducted an exclusive interview with John F. Kennedy and was wined and dined at the White House. In West Germany his role was virtually that of emissary and he used his influence to create more fruitful relations between Khrushchev and Chancellor Erhard. In Italy he was the first representative of the Kremlin to visit the Vatican officially.

Adzhubei enjoyed himself hugely in the process, surf-riding near Sydney, playing roulette at Reno and developing a taste for haute cuisine and fine wines which was soon to be reflected in an increasingly ample girth. The by-line "*A. Adzhubei, Our Special Correspondent*" could be expected to appear over articles of previously undreamed-of diversity. The subjects on which he wrote were treated with a refreshing absence of dogma. The American businessman could, for the first time, be seen as a man trying to survive in a hostile environment, and not always simply as an exploiter of the proletarian masses. Even Russian émigrés were allowed their say in an Adzhubei interview — though at the last ditch, they were dismissed as the dinosaurs of a bygone political age. Certainly the Bear did not suddenly change its coat because of Adzhubei's arrival. Beneath his sophistication he retained the classical ideological standpoint of Marxism-Leninism. But he had the wit to see that criticism of American foreign policy, for example, had to be presented as more than mere propaganda, if it was not to weary *Izvestia's* readers.

The effect of all this on the newspaper's circulation was dramatic and it doubled its circulation to 4½ million in the first two years of his stewardship.

Such success inevitably bred resentment in the Kremlin. Though a member of the central committee, Adzhubei had no real standing within the party and his professional experience had been exclusively journalistic. Many Praesidium members resented the fact that *Izvestia's* editor so often short-circuited them through his family connections. Khrushchev himself did not help to assuage this resentment by frequently backing up arguments of his own by citing his son-in-law's opinion on the matter.

When, on October 15, 1964, Khrushchev was deposed it was the end of his place in the sun for Adzhubei, too. He was forced to resign from his editorship of *Izvestia* next day and the following month he was expelled from the Communist party Central Committee for what were termed "errors committed in his work". He was, finally, relieved of the general secretaryship of the the Soviet journalists' union in October 1965. The fine French cognacs which had been introduced by him, as its secretary, to the bar of the Moscow Journalists' Club, were withdrawn, and the old staples of vodka and Crimean champagne wine reigned once again supreme.

Thereafter he went into virtual eclipse. After being forced out of *Izvestia* he went to perform lowly editorial duties for *Soviet Union* a propaganda magazine published in several languages for circulation abroad. He drank heavily and in 1967 narrowly escaped prosecution when a car he was driving struck and seriously injured a woman. In the period after Mikhail Gorbachev came to power his by-line did occasionally appear but his career never really recovered.

He leaves his widow Rada.

PROFESSOR ROBERT McCANCE

Robert McCance, CBE, FRS, former Professor of Experimental Medicine at Cambridge University, died on March 5 aged 94. He was born on December 9, 1898.

ONE of the founding fathers of nutritional science, Robert McCance achieved groundbreaking work in such diverse fields as diabetes, malnutrition in the Third World, the physiology of new-born babies and the causes of sea-sickness. His Food Composition tables, first published in 1940, are still used as a standard reference source by scientists and the food industry.

Together with Dr Elsie Widdowson, his collaborator since 1933, he was at the centre of a shifting group of researchers at Cambridge who could be called upon to aid and abet each other's experiments. McCance's progress in the uncharted waters of nutrition was backed up by a solid scientific background as a biochemist and medical doctor. But he was not above taking risks, and believed that the best possible testing ground for any experiment was the human body, usually his own.

His early research into salt deficiency, which established the importance of maintaining sodium and fluid levels for diabetics, was described with typical relish to an audience of the Royal College of Physicians in his Goulstonian Lectures of 1936. To induce a state of sodium deficiency, McCance and his volunteers were served a salt-free diet and had to sweat into a warmed-up mackintosh sheet, for two hours each day over 14 days. McCance then attempted to produce sodium-free urine by overbreathing, a technique he had learnt from J. B. S. Haldane. Having breathed as rapidly and deeply as he could for 45 minutes, he went blue and passed out but, ever the scientist, his first thought on regaining consciousness was to call for a sample bottle.

He was particularly fond of debunking the bogus claims of food supplement manufacturers and would test any new product to hit the market. After taking one particular pill, the makers of which were later taken to court, he became, in a matter of days, so thin and deydrated that he could barely stand to give a lecture.

Robert Alexander McCance was born near Belfast, the son of a linen merchant, and was educated at St Bees School in Cumbria. His early ambition in life was to farm in Ireland but the first world war intervened and he joined the Royal Naval Air Service, flying observation aircraft.

After the war he went up to Sidney Sussex College, Cambridge, to read Natural Sciences but the troubles in Ireland changed his career plans and McCance turned to medicine. In 1926 he entered the Biochemical and Diabetic Department of King's College Hospital, London, and in his free time ran tests on the chemical composition of food. It was in the hospital kitchens that he first met Dr Elsie Widdowson.

In 1937 McCance published important findings on the controlled absorption of iron into a patient with *polycythemia rubra vera* in the *Lancet*. The outcome, in 1938, was an offer to become Reader in Medicine at Cambridge and a Fellow of Sidney Sussex College. He returned to Cambridge with Widdowson and his lab technician to establish a new research department and, in 1945, was made Professor of Experimental Medicine.

With the outbreak of the second world war McCance and Widdowson conducted a study of rationing to see how far Britain could remain self-sufficient, and hence how much shipping could be avoided. Limiting his intake of fats, but allowing himself huge quantities of dried bread and potatoes, McCance then tested the fuel efficiency of these foods by cycling the 200 miles from Cambridge to the Lake District and climbing 36 miles up hill and down dale in deep snow. He suffered, he was pleased to report, no loss of fitness. But his final conclusions, that the British would not receive sufficient calcium if milk and cheese had to be rationed, led to the addition of chalk to wholemeal flour. Although controversial at the time, calcium is still added to white flour today.

As chairman of a joint Medical Research Council and Royal Navy committee on survival at sea, he discovered that shipwrecked sailors were better advised to drink nothing at all than to drink seawater. He also worked on the development of sea-sickness pills and helped to design the new covered inflatable liferafts.

In 1946 he established a sub-department at Wuppertal, Germany, to study the effects of undernutrition on the local population. It was this which first sparked his interest in hunger and its consequences and in 1966 he was invited to supervise the running of the Mulago Hospital in Uganda.

In 1968 he retired to Cambridge, but continued to collaborate with Widdowson until his death. The British Nutrition Foundation is now in the process of producing a *Festschrift* as a tribute to their joint achievement.

Although his life had been dominated by science, McCance also enjoyed mountaineering, gardening, photography and cycling. He was a familiar sight in Cambridge, pedalling around the streets with a second world war gas mask case packed with papers strapped to his back. Having covered an estimated 25,000 miles, however, since undergraduate days, a freak collision with a pedestrian on Midsummer Common finally convinced him that his cycling days were over.

He married, in 1922, Mary MacGregor, who died in 1965. They had a son and a daughter.

KENNETH BOULDING

Kenneth Boulding, American economist and peace activist, died in Boulder, Colorado, on March 19 aged 83. He was born in Liverpool on January 18, 1910.

WITH his mane of white hair, hawk-like features, and a coruscating wit unimpeded by a distinct stammer, Kenneth Boulding was not an easy man to forget. Nor was he easy to categorise. A former colleague once described him as "someone who was half Milton *Friedman*, half Mahatma Gandhi". Not only was he an innovative economist and philosopher, who was nominated at different times for Nobel prizes in both peace and economics, but he could also claim some distinction as a poet, painter and sculptor. While at the University of Michigan in 1965 he initiated a series of "teach-ins" against the Vietnam war which became the pattern of articulate opposition to American involvement in Indo-China in subsequent years.

The son of a Liverpool plumber, Boulding was a scholarship student at Liverpool Collegiate School before winning the Open Major Scholarship in Natural Sciences to New College, Oxford, in 1928. He soon switched his field of study, gaining a first class degree in philosophy, politics and economics in 1931, and went on to study as a Commonwealth Fellow at the University of Chicago. At the age of 22 his first paper, a short but brilliant work on economics, was accepted by John Maynard Keynes for publication in the *Economic Journal*.

Boulding returned to Britain in 1934, teaching for three years at Edinburgh University, but his future lay in the United States. He went back in 1937 to take up a teaching position at New York's Colgate University, where he wrote his first book, *Economic Analysis*, in 1941. An introductory textbook that blended Keynesian and neoclassical economic theory into a cohesive whole, the book was an instant success and was translated into a number of languages including Japanese, Turkish and Burmese. It ran to four editions over the next 25 years.

Though his family were strict Methodists, Boulding became a Quaker in his youth and remained a passionate though unconventional Christian throughout his life. His pacificism led him to oppose the second world war and lost him his job as an economist with the League of Nations in 1942. But it was later to lead him to the directorship of the University of Michigan's Centre for Research on Conflict Resolutions. Out of this came *Conflict and Defense* in 1962, in which Boulding suggested ways of applying a new theoretical approach to maintaining peace. "The origin of this book," he wrote, "can be traced back to a passionate conviction of my youth that war was the major moral and intellectual problem of our age."

Peace and ethics were the twin pillars of Boulding's philosophy. In 1945, in his book *Economics of Peace*, which is still in print, he was credited with inventing a whole new area of economics. It contained a typical Boulding observation: "No monetary value is usually placed on an honest man," he wrote, "but in a very real sense, when honesty decays, the true capital values of society decline."

He became an American citizen in 1948, winning the John Bates Clark Medal of the American Economic Association in the following year in recognition that he was one of the best and brightest economists of his generation. But from that time on he wandered increasingly away from the traditional concerns of economics, becoming a sort of universal philosopher. His academic career was peripatetic, and he went on to hold posts at a number of universities in the US, Canada, Jamaica and Japan, before settling at the University of Colorado in 1977.

Kenneth Boulding's literary output was as remarkable as its contents were diverse. He published three dozen books, 800 articles, and three volumes of rhyming poetry, some of it religious. He was also an accomplished painter of water colours, produced many sculptures, and could sing entire Gilbert and Sullivan operettas from memory. He could recite nearly all of Wordsworth's oeuvre.

He is survived by Elise, his wife of 52 years, and four sons.

TOMMY TRAFFORD

Tommy Trafford, comedian and theatre producer, died in Blackpool on March 20 aged 66. He was born in Blackpool.

LIKE the Blackpool Tower, fun fairs and "kiss-me-quick" hats, comedian Tommy Trafford was part of Blackpool itself. Hence the name he was known by for over forty years was simply "Mr Blackpool".

Day trippers from Manchester or Liverpool to the seaside resort would stop the diminutive flat-capped figure, dressed in baggy trousers and smoking a rolled cigarette, and shout out to him on the promenade: "Hello Tommy, me mam wants your autograph. She remembers you when you were on the radio." He duly obliged on every occasion.

Trafford was one of a breed of Northern comics spanning the period between the 1930s and the 1950s which included Al Read, Frank Randle, Ken Platt and Albert Modley. They packed music hall and variety theatres, interspersing long summer seasons with pantomimes, but rarely played theatres further south than Manchester.

These men were seaside comedians, happier at the end of a pier playing twice daily than appearing at London's Finsbury Empire or the Met in the Edgware Road. Southern audiences were unable to understand their accents or their working class humour or indeed their dress sense which always included the obigatory flat cap. Not for nothing did Trafford acidly comment to the star Jessie Matthews in the late 1970s, when playing a one night at London's Shaftesbury Theatre: "Eeh, Jessie, these buggers are too posh for me. Ah don't think they know nowt about my kind of comedy. You can stuff the Shaftesbury, give me twice a night at Oldham any night of the week."

Apparently Miss Matthews made no comment on this as she had previously played Oldham in the 1930s and had died a death.

Tommy Trafford was born into a theatrical family in Blackpool and started his career in concert parties before graduating to a stand up comic in small revues at such venues as Whitby, Scarborough and Llandudno. With his rubber face, toothy grin and wry sense of humour, he soon became the darling of the housewives. In his thirties he was snapped up by the powerful Moss Empire circuit and as a headliner shared the same bill with such names as Vera Lynn, Anne Shelton, Johnny Ray, Gracie Fields and Douglas Byng.

In his forties he turned to production and devised and appeared in over 200 one-night variety shows — usually at The Central Pier in Blackpool. He was also a notable pantomime Dame describing the part of Mother Goose as "the Hamlet of pantomimes".

Radio success followed with his classic character "Mr Higginbottam — The Postman" in the long running BBC Radio series *The Clitheroe Kid* with his fellow northern comic and close friend, Jimmy Clitheroe.

Often compared by critics to another northern comic, Norman Evans, Trafford epitomised the spirit of British music hall northern humour. He could quite easily have been a character in a J. B. Priestley novel and last year when BBC Radio 2 devoted a programme to his long career, aptly titled "Super Trouper", he quipped to the bemused southern interviewer "they don't make 'em like us lad. Up north we give them what they want". For over forty years that is exactly what the man did.

It is fitting that although no West End theatres dimmed their lights on the news of his death, several Blackpool hotels and three piers did at midnight.

He is survived by his wife, Margaret, and their daughter.

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Entertainments.
MARBLE ARCH PAVILION
"METROPOLIS."
A UFA FILM, PRODUCED BY FRITZ LANG

The fear of machines and of what they represent is one from which no modern community can easily escape. They appear as the enemies of craftsmanship and individuality; they are recognized by many as the symbols of a process of standardization which may extend, and is perhaps extending, from things to men. Is there not, it is asked, proof of this tendency in the mechanical routine by which so much of industrial life is governed? Is there not nearer proof in the faces of passers-by in great cities, in men's increasing willingness to act and think in crowds, in the gradual depopulation of the countryside, and the flow of all humanity towards the sources of mechanical power? Are not the machines already asserting their mastery?

Mr. Fritz Lang has, with great frankness, treated his subject as a nightmare in this picture of Metropolis, a city of the future, and the faults that exist in his work appear precisely at those points where, abandoning nightmare, he has asked for reasoned belief as distinct from emotional response. Considered as a representation of what might be, *Metropolis* is full of inconsistencies and absurdities which make acceptance of it impossible, and when, on a foundation of reason so unsure, an attempt is made to suggest a reasoned moral, the result is damaging and pretentious. "The Mediator between Brain and Muscle," says the screen, "must be the Heart"—and that, if you please, is the simple, practicable way out of our present discontent. The proof of it is to be sought in the failure of a violent revolution by the workers of Metropolis and in the entirely satisfactory kisses bestowed on Mary, a worker's daughter, by Eric, a rich man's son. At all this there is nothing to do but smile. Even as propaganda it is remarkably ineffective. It is, indeed, a necessary preliminary to enjoyment of the film's great merits to forget its supposed teaching, to look on its story as an essay in fantastic sensationalism, and to yield to what we may be pardoned for calling its psychological photography.

In Metropolis the workers inhabit their own underground city, and are carried from the machines in lifts. But they do not leave their work or enter the lifts with any appearance of release and freedom. They march in closely-packed blocks, swaying with a dull, heavy, mechanical rhythm that brilliantly suggests the burden of hopelessness and monotony that has crushed them . . .

When the workers rise in open rebellion and wreck the machines, their underground city is flooded and the life of their children threatened. And once more Mr. Lang succeeds in compelling you to share, rather than observe, the picture's action. You do not watch the children's panic: you seem, while it lasts, to be caught up in it, for not only the effect of fear, but fear itself, is represented in the swaying lights, the changing angles, the swift hallucinations of this photography.

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In this "futuristic fantasy" the workers live and work underground and finally rebel. Fritz Lang (1890-1976), who directed it in Germany, had a second career in America making such films as Fury, You Only Live Once and The Woman in the Window.

THE TIMES TODAY MONDAY MARCH 22 1993

NEWS

Yeltsin faces impeachment

■ Russia's Supreme Soviet took the first step towards removing President Yeltsin from power last night when it ordered the country's constitutional court to rule on his decision to govern by decree.

The court, which met in closed session yesterday, is almost certain to come out against Mr Yeltsin, and the Congress of People's Deputies could be convened to begin the impeachment process as early as Wednesday .....Pages 1, 7

Detectives hunt Warrington bombers

■ Detectives seeking the IRA terrorists whose bombs killed a three-year-old boy and seriously injured five other people in Warrington, Cheshire, at the weekend, believe the atrocity may have been a reprisal for the failure of the IRA attack on the town three weeks ago.....Pages 1, 3

Policeman killed

A police sergeant commended last week by a judge for tackling two gunmen was stabbed to death on Tyneside early yesterday after being set upon when he answered a routine call about youths smashing a window. A boy of 15 and a man aged 25 have been arrested in connection with the killing..... Page 1

Wigs approved

Wigs are to stay as the traditional emblem of British justice. The verdict on the prickly issue of whether judges should go bareheaded is overwhelmingly against: the public, and most of the legal profession, want judges to retain their 18th-century horsehair..... Page 1

Lamont stands firm

Norman Lamont made clear yesterday that he intends to ride out the storm over his decision to extend VAT to domestic fuel by insisting that he will not exempt the poor and the old. As fresh evidence emerged of a potential revolt by Tory MPs, the Chancellor promised extra help, financed by the Treasury's reserves, for those living on benefits by the time the new VAT is introduced next year. But he refused to commit the government to fully compensating pensioners..... Page 2

Care revolutionised

A revolution in the care of elderly people takes place next week with the introduction of community care changes described by MPs as a bigger leap in the dark than the NHS reforms. From April 1, local authorities assume responsibility for providing long-term care to all who need it, but say the £399 million allocated is £135 million short of what is needed..... Page 5

Ear test favoured

American experts have recommended that all babies born in the United States should have their hearing tested by a device invented at University College London. The recommendation, from the National Institutes of Health, is a boost to Otodynamics, of Hatfield, Hertfordshire, which is already turning over £1 million a year..... Page 5

Student shot

Violence in South Africa claimed the life of another young white at the weekend, while tens of thousands of blacks marched yesterday to commemorate the Sharpeville massacre of 33 years ago. The 18-year-old student was killed by gunmen who attacked a remote hotel in the Eastern Cape..... Page 8

Deployment urged

The British government has been urged to deploy 8,000 troops in Bosnia-Herzegovina as part of the proposed United Nations peacekeeping force that will be sent once the warring factions have signed an agreement and stopped fighting. The figure, significantly larger than the peacekeeping force planned by the Ministry of Defence, was called for by the chairman of the all-party Commons defence select committee..... Page 9

Blind date for Sumatran tigers

■ A blind date between Martin, a six-year-old male tiger at London Zoo, and Mira, a five-year-old female from Bremerhaven in Germany, could help to save one of the world's most endangered animals. The computer-selected date is part of a programme to breed the Sumatran tiger, of which there are only 600 remaining.....Page 6

Electoral role: monks from an abbey at Godewaersvvelde, northern France, voting in yesterday's election. Right turn, pages 1, 9

BUSINESS

Auxiliary power: Power companies are ready to sign coal contracts even though the government white paper on the mines has yet to be published..... Page 36

Road to market: A number of companies, including Stagecoach, the bus company, and Westminster Health Care, Britain's second largest private nursing home operator, are to set to join the stockmarket in the coming week..... Page 36

Lost investment: Overseas investment in America plunged last year to the lowest level for 50 years as British, German and other foreign investors became wary of recession and the uncertain political climate..... Page 36

SPORT

Rugby: England's decline has given the selectors for the British Lions tour of New Zealand this summer a more difficult task than originally envisaged. David Hands examines their dilemma..... Page 19

Motor racing: Nigel Mansell drove himself into the record books on his IndyCar debut at Surfers' Paradise in Australia. His triumph was the first debut victory since Graham Hill won the 1966 Indianapolis 500..... Page 19

Football: Nottingham Forest missed the opportunity to move out of the Premier League relegation places when they could only draw 1-1 at home against Leeds United..... Page 19

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Naked ambition: Kim Campbell, 46, a bright blonde who once posed in a state of some undress for one of the more risqué pictures ever taken of a politician, is set to become Canada's first woman prime minister..... Page 12

Stylish influence: Paris may be the world's fashion capital but it still looks to London for inspiration. Two British exports in particular have influenced the autumn-winter collections..... Page 13

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Testing time: The government should stick to its guns on the national curriculum and nationwide testing..... Page 27

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Singing detective: Bristol's financially-troubled Theatre Royal has premiered a new musical based on *Sherlock Holmes*, but it is a production clearly motivated by economic considerations..... Page 29

Love story: *The painter Modigliani* was a broken and dying man when he fell in love with 19-year-old Jeanne Hébuterne in Paris. A new radio play charts their extraordinary relationship..... Page 29

Hearing Hitchcock: Alfred Hitchcock's early classic, *Blackmail*, was released in 1929 in two versions: one silent, one with sound. Jonathan Lloyd has now composed a score to accompany the silent version..... Page 30

PEOPLE IN THE TIMES

Yitzhak Rabin, the Israeli prime minister, has announced plans to strengthen security after the death of two Israeli soldiers
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Muslim children in north London are posing John Patten the most politically fraught question of his term as education secretary
Page 4

Ross Perot is using his own money to launch a national referendum in America on government reform and deficit reduction
Page 9

THE TIMES TOMORROW

How to dictate your legal fees

■ People power is taking its toll on the finances of the legal profession. Why the client is beginning to dictate the size and shape of legal bills

Levin on the woes of God

■ Two more horror stories about drugs set Bernard Levin to thinking that God may be tiring of this planet, and that the Last Days have arrived

Why the British win Oscars

■ British films have swept the Oscar nominations. What is it that makes them more popular across the Atlantic?

TV LISTINGS

The latest arguments about the Dead Sea Scrolls, who wrote them and what they tell us are aired in *Horizon* (BBC2, 8pm)..... Page 35

OPINION

Yeltsin's road

The criterion which should guide the West in its dealings with Moscow today must be whether temporary presidential rule will help or hinder the market reforms which are indispensable to democratic evolution. The answer: there is no choice now but to support President Yeltsin..... Page 15

The next clause

Clause 4, now more clearly than ever, is a handicap to Labour. Yesterday's answer to capitalist exploitation was public ownership; today it is not. A modern replacement for Clause 4 must now be debated. Somewhat gingerly, Mr Straw has picked up the baton. Others can now run with it..... Page 15

PETER RIDDELL

John Smith suffers from one great handicap as Labour leader. He does not understand the English. His roots are so deep in Scotland that he regards England, and especially the South, as alien, and in some ways inferior. This affects his views on what the Labour party now needs to do..... Page 14

MATTHEW PARRIS

In a cradle-to-grave welfare state in which every pressure is to do as you are told and take what you are given, the fact that so many boys and girls insist on wrecking bus shelters and pitting themselves against the security systems of other people's BMWs is a source of terrific reassurance to me. Against all the odds, the human spirit is still alive..... Page 14

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"Ethnic cleansing" may hold "the key to the only workable solution" to the tragedy of the Balkans. Readers give their views on the suffering of the people of what was Yugoslavia..... Page 15

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American policy is now shaping events in the old Yugoslavia, although not exactly in the fashion the Clinton administration may have expected. The president's stand on readiness to participate in peacekeeping after the fighting is over was evidently read by the Serbs as assurance that the United States would not interefere in their current operations.

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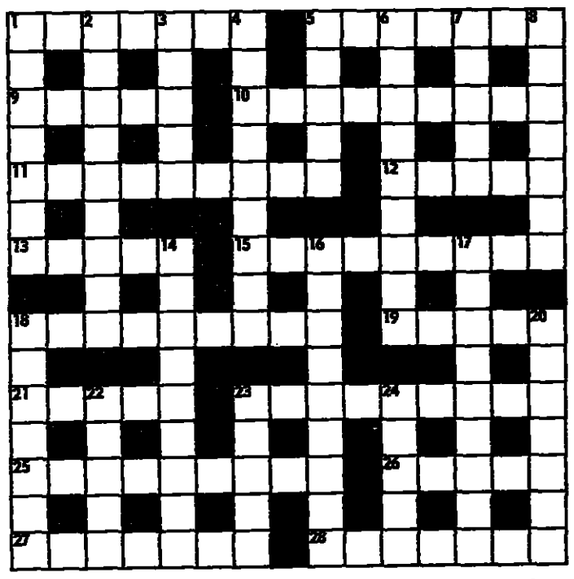

ACROSS

1 21 at one point causing fights (7)
5 Diplomatic in the main (7).
9 The nut taking exercise is able (5).
10 Love can get a girl into trouble (9).
11 This keeps people from going straight in (9).
12 A slice of brawn — it really needs salt (5).
13 Gin can make one so tipsy! (5).
15 Modern buying and selling is just a game (9).
18 The underworld way — or the converse (9).
19 Person taken in by Greek has-been (5).
21 Occasion some irritation with sound refreshments (5).
23 An American stock holder (9).
25 A song — a song sung in winter in the nude! (9).
26 The show sent on mid-October (5).
27 In assurance, tears madly around the Tyneside area (7).
28 It's top gear for 23 ac. (7).

DOWN

1 Brown's after international players — much may turn on this (7).
2 Leaves lying around a bill for services (9).
3 She'll have one's heart in time (5).
4 Place the queen's given a paperseller (9).
5 Quietly dress and make a search (5).
6 Many a hanging's ordered for convicted men (5-4).
7 Sneak in, having nothing in hand (5).
8 Retreat to study an opening (7).
14 Clear one troublesome pest seen in the river (9).
16 They have to come to grips with the opposition (9).
17 His every contact was of enormous value (4,5).
18 The US lawman on the list is worth meeting (7).
20 In a bad state due to a reckless driver? (3-4)
22 One publicising a clothes-drier (5).
23 Work in bed, so put on board (2-3).
24 Left near-ruined in Northern Ireland (5).

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PARKER DUOFOLD

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ABROAD

MIDDAY: t=thunder; d=drizzle; fg=fog; s=sun; sl=sleet; sn=snow; f=fair; c=cloud; r=rain

	C	F			C	F	
Ajaccio	18	61	s	Luxor	24	75	s
Alicante	17	63	f	Madrid	18	64	f
Alex'dria	19	66	f	Majorca	18	64	f
Algiers	21	70	f	Malaga	20	68	c
Amst'dm	13	55	s	Malta	19	66	s
Athens	19	66	s	Melb'rne	22	72	s
Bahrain	23	73	f	Miami*	26	79	c
Bangkok	32	90	f	Milan	16	61	f
Barbados*	29	84	f	Montreal*	-3	27	c
Barcelna	15	59	f	Moscow	1	34	c
Beirut	16	61	f	Munich	17	63	f
Belgrade	23	73	s	Naples	20	68	s
Berlin	14	57	s	N Delhi	28	79	f
Bermuda*	23	73	s	N York*	2	36	c
Biarritz	15	59	f	Nice	14	57	f
Borde'x	15	59	f	Oslo	7	45	f
Brussels	15	59	s	Paris	15	59	s
Budapst	17	63	s	Peking	13	55	f
B Aires*	21	70	s	Perth	23	73	c
Cairo	21	70	f	Prague	16	61	s
Cape Tn	28	79	f	Reykjavik	-5	23	c
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Dublin	9	48	r	S F'risco*	16	61	s
Dubrovnik	19	66	s	Santiago*	27	81	s
Faro	22	72	s	S Paulo*	22	72	c
Florence	15	59	f	Seoul	11	52	s
Frankfurt	14	57	f	Sing'por	31	88	f
Funchal	19	66	f	St'kholm	9	48	f
Geneva	16	61	c	Strasb'rg	15	59	s
Gibraltar	19	66	s	Sydney	23	73	f
Helsinki	4	39	c	Tangier	21	70	s
Hong K	18	64	f	Tel Aviv	17	63	f
Innsbruck	7	43	c	Tenerife	20	68	s
Istanbul	11	52	s	Tokyo	10	50	s
Jeddah	24	75	f	Toronto*	0	32	sn
Jo'burg*	32	72	f	Tunis	20	68	c
Karachi	35	95	s	Valencia	17	63	f
L Palmas	25	72	f	Vanc'ver*	9	48	f
Le Touqt	11	52	c	Venice	16	61	s
Lisbon	18	64	c	Vienna	18	64	s
Locarno	14	57	c	Warsaw	11	52	s
London	13	55	f	Washton*	5	41	f
L Angels*	20	68	s	Wel'ton	19	66	f
Luxembg	12	54	r	Zurich	17	63	f

*Denotes figures are latest available

LONDON

Yesterday: Temp: max 6am to 6pm, 14C (57F); min 6pm to 6am, 7C (45F). Humidity 6pm, 80 per cent. Rain: 24hr to 6pm, trace. Sun: 24hr to 6pm, 0.9hr. Bar, mean sea level, 6pm, 1,007.2 millibars, rising.
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HIGHEST & LOWEST

Saturday: Highest day temp: Jersey, 14C (57F); lowest day max: Eskdalemuir, Dumfries and Galloway, 5C (41F); highest rainfall: Aviemore, Highland, 0.23in; highest sunshine: Folkestone, Kent, 10.4hr

MANCHESTER

Yesterday: Temp: max 6am to 6pm, 11C (52F); min 6pm to 6am, 7C (45F). Rain: 24hr to 6pm, 0.01in. Sun: 24hr to 6pm, nil

GLASGOW

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ABERDEEN & SHIRE

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Aberdeen	1.8	-	11	52	bright
Anglesey	0.1	-	8	46	cloudy
Aviemore	0.8	0.23	7	45	rain
Ballast	-	-	8	46	cloudy
Birmingham	5.7	-	11	52	sunny
Bognor Regis	9.2	-	11	52	sunny
Bournemouth	9.2	-	10	50	sunny
Bristol	7.9	-	12	54	sunny
Cardiff	6.6	-	10	50	sunny
Clacton	9.9	-	10	50	sunny
Cromer	X	-	12	54	sunny
Douglas	X	-	7	45	cloudy
Eskdalemuir	-	0.12	5	41	rain
Exmouth	4.7	-	9	48	sunny
Falmouth	0.3	-	10	50	cloudy
Folkestone	10.4	-	9	48	sunny
Glasgow	0.3	-	9	48	cloudy
Guernsey	9.0	-	11	52	sunny
Hastings	9.2	-	11	52	sunny
Jersey	7.4	-	14	57	sunny
Kinloss	4.3	-	12	54	bright
Leeds	2.2	-	9	48	bright
Lerwick	-	0.13	8	46	rain
Littlehampton	9.0	-	10	50	sunny
Liverpool	0.4	-	9	48	cloudy
London	9.7	-	14	57	sunny
Lowestoft	9.5	-	13	55	sunny
Manchester	0.9	-	9	48	cloudy
Margate	9.9	-	13	55	sunny
Minehead	7.6	-	11	52	sunny
Morecambe	0.2	-	8	46	cloudy
Newcastle	0.6	-	10	50	bright
Newquay	1.4	-	11	52	bright
Nottingham	1.5	-	8	46	bright
Penzance	-	-	10	50	cloudy
Plymouth	2.9	-	11	52	bright
Poole	8.7	-	13	55	sunny
Prestwick	0.8	-	9	48	cloudy
Sandown	9.0	-	11	52	sunny
Scarborough	3.0	-	9	48	sunny
Scilly Isles	1.1	-	11	52	bright
Shanklin	10.0	-	11	52	sunny
Southend	X	-	13	55	sunny
Southsea	9.7	-	10	50	sunny
Stornoway	-	0.09	9	48	rain
Swanage	8.6	-	11	52	sunny
Teignmouth	5.2	-	10	50	sunny
Tiree	0.2	-	9	48	cloudy
Torquay	5.2	-	11	52	sunny
Weymouth	8.7	-	11	52	sunny
Wick	0.2	0.01	10	50	shower
Worthing	9.6	-	9	48	sunny

*Denotes not available
These are Saturday's figures

TOURIST RATES

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.18	1.98
Austria Sch	18.30	16.70
Belgium Fr	53.43	48.60
Canada $	1.988	1.92
Denmark Kr	10.00	9.20
Finland Mrk	9.46	8.80
France Fr	8.81	8.11
Germany Dm	2.58	2.38
Greece Dr	350.00	325.00
Hong Kong $	12.19	11.19
Ireland Pt	1.055	0.975
Italy Lira	2445.00	2300.00
Japan Yen	190.75	171.75
Netherlands Gld	2.91	2.68
Norway Kr	10.96	10.16
Portugal Esc	238.00	220.00
South Africa Rd	5.40	4.70
Spain Pta	180.75	167.75
Sweden Kr	12.08	11.28
Switzerland Fr	2.37	2.19
Turkey Lira	14700.0	13700.0
USA $	1.585	1.46

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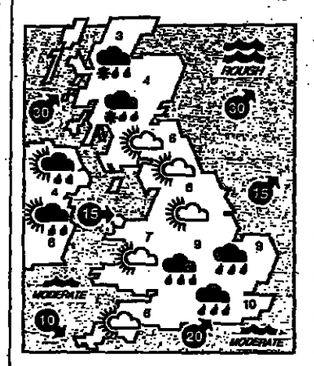

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London 6.17 pm to 5.59 am
Bristol 6.27 pm to 6.09 am
Edinburgh 6.31 pm to 6.10 am
Manchester 6.26 pm to 6.07 am
Penzance 6.38 pm to 6.21 am

Sun rises: 5.59 am
Sun sets: 6.17 pm
Moon rises 5.14 am
Moon sets 5.52 pm
New Moon tomorrow

YESTERDAY

Temperatures at midday yesterday: c, cloud; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun.

	C	F			C	F	
Belfast	6	46	c	Guernsey	9	48	f
B'mgham	9	48	s	Inverness	9	48	c
Blackpool	8	46	f	Jersey	11	52	s
Bristol	10	50	s	London	10	50	s
Cardiff	9	48	f	M'nchster	8	46	c
Edinburgh	9	48	r	Newcastle	10	50	s
Glasgow	9	48	c	R'nldeway	9	48	f

HIGH TIDES

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT	TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	1.21	6.8	1.45	7.0	Liverpool	10.51	9.0	11.9	8.9
Aberdeen	12.53	3.9	12.55	3.8	Lowestoft	9.26	2.2	9.13	2.3
Avonmouth	6.50	12.6	7.09	12.5	Margate	Noon	4.4	11.54	4.5
Belfast	10.40	3.3	10.58	3.1	Milford Haven	5.48	6.6	6.03	6.5
Cardiff	6.35	11.7	6.54	11.6	Newquay	4.37	6.6	4.54	6.9
Devonport	5.11	5.2	5.31	5.2	Oban	5.18	3.6	5.50	3.7
Dover	10.45	6.1	10.55	6.4	Penzance	4.09	5.3	4.28	5.3
Falmouth	4.41	5.0	5.01	5.0	Portland	6.16	4.2	6.39	1.9
Glasgow	12.27	4.2	12.43	4.5	Portsmouth	10.57	4.4	11.14	4.6
Harwich	11.33	3.8	11.44	5.2	Shoreham	10.51	5.9	11.09	6.0
Holyhead	9.53	5.3	10.14	5.2	Southampton	10.32	4.2	10.54	4.3
Ilfracombe	5.33	8.7	5.49	8.6	Swansea	5.51	9.2	6.10	9.2
King's Lynn	8.13	6.0	8.12	6.3	Tees	3.17	4.8	3.19	5.1
Leith	2.12	5.1	2.13	5.2	W'ton-on-Nze	11.27	4.0	11.36	4.0

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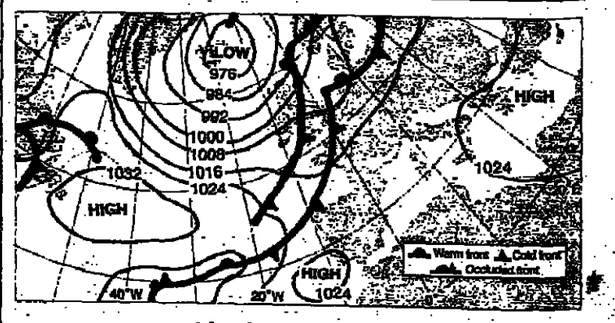

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Pride of English Lions mauled by the Irish

The British Isles selectors face tough choices. **David Hands**, rugby correspondent, reports

WHATEVER preconceptions the British Isles' selectors may have had before the season's five nations' championship began, the events of the last two months have subjected them to severe scrutiny. The party of 30 to tour New Zealand this summer will be announced today only after huge debate, notably in the key areas of half back and back row.

Perceived wisdom had a party dominated by England, reinforced by Scotland and a modest fringe of Welsh and Irish. Even some of England's second-string players, it was said, were better than any the other three nations had to offer.

PROBABLE PARTY

BACKS: Full backs: G Hastings (Scot, captain), A Clement (Wales). Wings: I Evans (Wales), A Stanger (Scot), R Underwood (Eng), T Underwood (Eng). Centres: W Carling (Eng), S Gibbs (Wales), J Guscott (Eng), S Hastings (Scot). Stand-off halves: S Barnes (Eng), R Andrew (Eng). Scrum halves: G Armstrong (Scot), R Jones (Wales). FORWARDS: Props: P Clohessy (Ire), J Leonard (Eng), N Popplewell (Ire), J Probyn (Eng). Hookers: K Milne (Scot), B Moore (Eng). Locks: M Bayfield (Eng), M Galwey (Ire), M Johnson (Eng), G Weir (Scot). Flankers: E Lewis (Wales), I Morrison (Scot), D Turnbull (Scot), P Winterbottom (Eng). No. 8s: B Clarke (Eng), D Richards (Eng).

The captaincy was believed to be Will Carling's but it will be a surprise if Gavin Hastings, of Scotland, is not selected to lead the tour. Carling said yesterday he did not think the selectors would ask him to be captain.

Geoff Cooke, manager of England, and of the Lions, presaged yesterday's final selection meeting before England played Ireland in the denouement of a domestic championship that has left France recipients of the new trophy, Scotland runners-up and England no better than third, their mediocrity underlined by 54 points scored and 54 conceded.

"It's the last performance that stays in the memory," Cooke said. And the last performance that he and his fellow selectors — Ian McGeechan (the coach), Derek Morgan (of England), Bob Munro (Scotland), Ken Reid (Ireland) and David Richards (Wales) — saw from the favourites was them being roasted 17-3 by an inspired Ireland at Lansdowne Road.

"When the Lions selectors sit down, they will have to give careful consideration to this result," Noel Murphy, the Ireland manager and a former Lions player and coach, said.

"This England side has been a credit to the game but, on this performance, we have players who can get to the same pitch England have reached over the years."

Yesterday's meeting in London will have been far longer than anticipated as the selectors weighed in the balance the form of such players as Eric Elwood and Mick Galwey, Ireland's two heroes on Saturday, against the known experience of, for example, Rob Andrew and Wade Dooley. The equation is simple: Elwood; two caps, against Andrew, 52.

There is another influence at work. McGeechan is the first Lions coach appointed to two tours. He knows, at first hand from his 1989 experience in Australia, the qualities of players such as Andrew, Robert Jones (deposed by Wales) and Dean Richards (deposed, like Andrew, by England).

Four years on, he and his colleagues must judge whether their known qualities are still enough for a tour harder than any previously undertaken by the Lions.

McGeechan also knows Gavin Hastings — as player from under-21 days, as goal kicker and, this season, as captain. Hastings has been a Lion and appreciates the subtle influences required to draw together the players of four countries. He has toured New Zealand as recently as 1990, with Scotland, and last year with the New Zealand centenary world party.

Carling has done none of these things. Against that is the faith that Cooke has reposed in him since 1988 and his enviable record as England's captain in 35 matches, though he has not always shown the surest tactical grasp in tight matches.

The player himself, who had to withdraw from the 1989 tour party because of injury, has said that he will be delighted just to tour and honoured if the captaincy comes his way. I believe he would enjoy a tour on which he was required to do no more than play, on which he could relinquish the endless round of press conferences and public duties.

If, too, England have the great preponderance of players to go with the manager and assistant coach, Dick Best, then a Scottish captain would act as a counterbalance.

Hastings has the respect not only of players at home but also of opponents overseas, which is a good basis on which to build.

There is also a political aspect to selection — there should not be but history screams there is. Now that England are in decline from the heights of the last two seasons, the other home unions are better placed to fight their national corner.

Has the decline gone far enough to remove the likes of Peter Winterbottom, Dooley and Dewi Morris from contention?

There seems every prospect that, next season, half of the present England pack will need to be replaced. Winterbottom and Dooley will have retired, Jeff Probyn, at 37, will find his position under close review, and Mike Teague, 33, likewise.

Ireland can, with justification, press the claims not only of Elwood and Galwey but Brian Robinson and Peter Clohessy, although I understand neither Terry Kingston nor Pat O'Hara are available to tour. Scotland can throw Iain Morrison and Derek Turnbull into the melting pot along with Andrew Reed and Doddie Weir. Wales, with less conviction, can offer Emyr Lewis and Richard Webster alongside Gareth Llewellyn.

Many of these are in the back-five forwards, which is where England can also offer Martin Johnson and Neil Back from their A side as genuine contenders. Johnson also has the advantage of having played two seasons in New Zealand. There is a danger of trying to have one's cake and eat it, of falling into the utility trap that is a category occupied by Galwey and Weir.

There is the prime requisite of fitness that has removed Craig Chalmers, clearly removes Neil Francis and, less clearly, Ian Hunter and the 1989 Lion, Mike Griffiths, from contention.

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Brought to his knees: Winterbottom, left, is inconsolable, as Barnes looks on, after England had lost in Ireland on Saturday. Photograph: David Cannon/ALLSPORT

Streetwise Mansell conquers new world

FROM OLIVER HOLT IN SURFERS PARADISE, AUSTRALIA

NIGEL Mansell proved beyond doubt here yesterday that a season of dominance in Formula One has not dulled his competitive edge. He clawed his way to a magnificently-chaotic win on his IndyCar debut and drove swiftly into the record books of his new code.

Mansell's triumph, the first debut victory since Graham Hill won the 1966 Indianapolis 500 and the only time a new driver has claimed pole position and gone on to win the race, was all the more impressive because it was achieved despite an obvious lack of familiarity with the tricks of his new trade.

Rolling starts, yellow flags, black flags, cold tyres and stop-gos: by the time he crossed the finish line at the end of 65 laps of entertainment, Mansell had demystified the IndyCar lexicon by wrestling publicly with the rulebook.

After overcoming the regulations and the sustained challenges of Emerson Fittipaldi and Robby Gordon, Mansell endured his habitual mental and physical agonies in the final stages. He ran out of petrol 250 yards beyond the finish line, had to be taken back to the pit in a rescue truck, and was limping from the effects of a foot operation he underwent in the winter.

Mansell began badly when he got too close to the pace car that regulates the rolling start and had to brake as the Penskes of Fittipaldi and Paul Tracy accelerated past him. Carl Haas, the co-owner of the Newman-Haas team for which the Englishman drives, said that Mansell was "not just a charger, but an intelligent driver, a strategist". His tribute may have been inspired in part by Mansell's decision to allow Gordon to overtake him when the 24-year-old proved over-ambitious at the first bend.

Mansell fought his way back, and as his tyres warmed up he overtook Tracy on the sixth lap and Gordon a lap later, outbraking him at a hairpin corner.

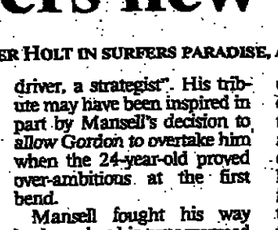
The narrow street circuit seemed to be a confusion of spinning cars and smoking wheels, a wholesale exhibition of motor racing bravado for the 80,000 trackside spectators. But Mansell did not see the resultant yellow warning flags, which forbid overtaking. He passed Fittipaldi in the most thrilling manoeuvre of the race on the sixteenth lap, smoke puffing from his wheels as he outbraked the Brazilian.

The black flag was brandished on the nineteenth lap as a sign that Mansell had erred. The penalty for such infringement is a stop-go, a compulsory pit stop where the driver has to bring his car into the pit, stop, and drive off again. It was here Mansell enjoyed a stroke of luck. He had been due to stop on the following lap to refuel, so his team advanced their preparations and negated the effect of the penalty.

Nevertheless, after Mansell stopped again for a tyre change and emerged from the pit in fourth position, Fittipaldi led by more than 28 seconds after 20 laps. Although Mansell mounted a charge, overtaking his teammate, Mario Andretti, and closed on Gordon, he was still 18 seconds behind the Brazilian with 25 laps left.

But pit stops in IndyCar racing play a more crucial role than in Formula One. There are more of them because the cars have to refuel more often, and when Fittipaldi and Gordon stopped on the 45th lap, Mansell regained the lead. He had opened up a gap of 32 seconds over Fittipaldi by the sixtieth lap, more than enough to allow him one more fuel stop before the nervous final stages.

"I cannot remember when I enjoyed racing so much," Mansell said. "What is so marvellous about these rules is that we were black-flagged and there was a stop-go penalty, but we were not excluded from the race. Can you imagine the scenario that would have caused in Formula One?"



Mansell: historic debut

RESULTS: 1, N Mansell (GB), Newman-Haas, 1hr 52min 2.866sec (av speed, 97.284mph); 2, E Fittipaldi (Br), Penske, 5.113sec behind; 3, R Gordon (US), A J Foyt, 5.590; 4, Mario Andretti (US), Newman-Haas, 14.847; 5, A Luyendyk (Hol), Chip Ganassi Racing, 47.220; 6, R Rahal (US), Rahal-Hogan Racing, one lap behind.

AC Milan suffer second defeat

AC MILAN, the most powerful club football side in Europe, are looking vulnerable. A week after losing their first match for 11 months, in the semi-finals of the Italian Cup, they surrendered their record unbeaten run in the league yesterday with a 1-0 home defeat by Parma.

After 58 matches in which they have rarely appeared threatened, a goal from Asprilla, Parma's Colombian winger, in the 58th minute brought the run to an end. The defeat was their first since they lost 2-1 to Bari on May 19, 1991.

Milan have suffered from injuries, losing five of their overseas players — van Basten, Gullit, Rijkaard, Boban and Savicevic — plus several Italian internationals. But they still lead Serie A by nine points.

Milan's dip in form will give hope to their rivals in the European Cup, including Rangers. The Scottish champions — whose own 44-match unbeaten run came to an end on Saturday — yesterday withdrew six players from the Scotland squad to play Germany, the world champions, on Wednesday, leaving Andy Roxburgh, coach to the national side, with selection problems.

Paul Gascoigne, the England international, scored Lazio's first goal in their 2-2 draw with Atalanta in Bergamo.

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Keane's return bolsters Forest

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BY KEITH PIKE

NOTTINGHAM Forest, reconsigned to the foot of the table on Saturday, hauled themselves back off it by their bootlaces at the County Ground yesterday with a performance which must encourage those purists quaking at the prospect of a Premier League without Brian Clough and his team of honest, stylish performers.

A home draw against Leeds these days is hardly the result to prompt champagne, cigars and bunting, but Forest at least played as if they recognised they are in crisis. This was only their second point in five games but, after successive 3-0 defeats, their spirit was admirable.

The return of Keane to midfield after suspension was mainly responsible and the deployment of Nigel Clough at sweeper did much to shore up a leaky defence. Above all, Forest were prepared to run themselves into the ground.

The early stages, though, provided a cameo of Forest's season. In their first attack, launched by Stone, Keane had a shot blocked and the ball rebounded to Bannister, whose fierce right-foot drive thundered against the angle of post and bar. The woodwork was still shuddering when Forest went behind.

Nobody picked up Batty when Speed put him in possession on the right, and Wallace was similarly ignored a couple of yards outside the box. A short pass from Batty, a low shot from Wallace, and Crossley was picking the ball out of his left-hand corner with a look of resignation. It was Leeds's first away league goal since Boxing day.

Forest needed a lift and they got it after 25 minutes with the award of a penalty which incensed the Leeds supporters behind Lukic's goal. The move which prompted the controversy, though, deserved reward.

Keane broke from his own area, hit a long crossfield ball to Bannister, and Woan was in turn put through only to fall under Lukic's challenge as he veered away from goal. Clough sent Lukic the wrong way from the spot.

Just before, Clough's up and under had found Lukic rooted to his line, and only Woan's loss of control — and Kerslake's recovering tackle — spared Leeds's embarrassment. Just after, Clough repeated the trick, and this time Rosario forced Lukic into a scrambling save.

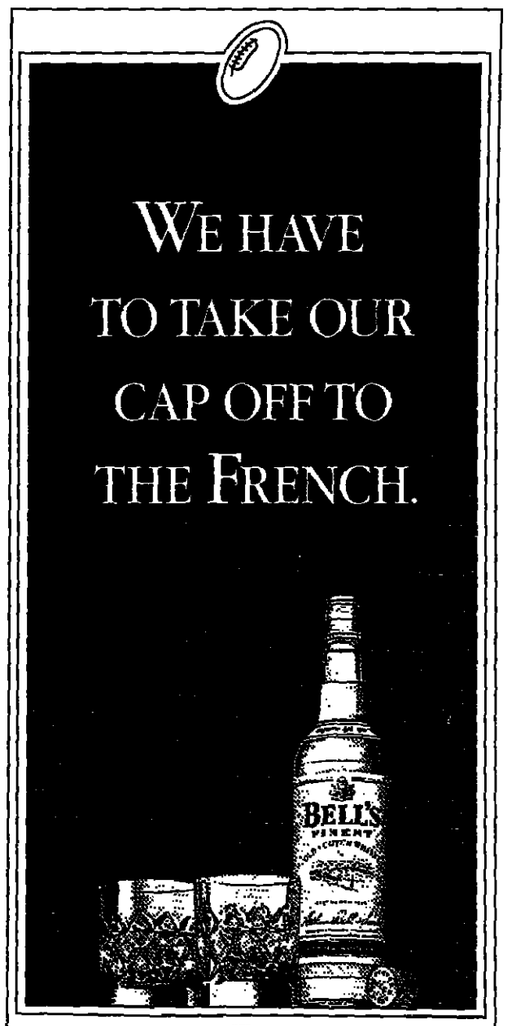
Woan and Wallace also went close in a first half played at a pace normally reserved for cup ties. After the break, though, there was only one side in it.

As Batty and Speed were forced ever deeper to protect the soft centre at the heart of the Leeds defence, Forest's grip became ever tighter. Keane had a header blocked and Lukic tipped Tiler's follow-up effort to safety. Then Rosario spooned Bannister's cross over the bar from inside the six-yard box, and Lukic had to plunge at Woan's feet when Rosario headed it into his path.

NOTTINGHAM FOREST: M Crossley; G Charles, S Chettle, S Stone, C Tiler, R Keane, K Black, G Bannister, N Clough, R Rosario, I Woan.

LEEDS UNITED: J Lukic; D Kerslake, A Dorigo, D Batty, D Wetherall, J Newsome, D Rosario, Rod Wallace (sub: J Forrester), L Chapman, S Hodge, G Speed.

Referee: R Lowe



Sri Lanka stroll to comfortable victory with eight wickets and 14.4 overs to spare

England's tour ends in further humiliation

Peter Ball on another dismal day for England in the one-day international against Sri Lanka

ENGLAND'S tour came to a suitably dismal end with one of their worst displays of the winter in the second one-day international against Sri Lanka at Moratuwa. Sri Lanka won as they pleased, by eight wickets with 14.4 overs to spare, and the margin of victory told its own story.

Even Keith Fletcher, the England manager, had to admit that the selection policy for the winter was flawed. "We tried to get a balance between a Test side and a one-day side," he said. "But my feeling is that we have to pick our best possible squad to win Test matches and that's something which I believe even more after this tour."

With three wins in the eight one-day internationals — both games in Sri Lanka ended in defeat — the inclusion of limited-over specialists in the England party misfired. All four Test matches were also lost.

The tribulations continued to the end as a fault on their flight home meant that the trip from Colombo took 17 hours yesterday. That gave an extra thrust to Fletcher's plea that counties should not expect their England players to go on pre-season tours.

Five are due to do so, with the demands on the fast bowlers, Chris Lewis and Devon Malcolm, particularly disturbing for Fletcher. Nottinghamshire travel to South Africa and Derbyshire go to Portugal.

"The players have had a very hard tour and they need a long rest," Fletcher said. "Instead, the one or two going on county tours will be exhausted by the time the season starts."

Even by the standards of this desperate tour, the performance on Saturday was as dire as any. The batsmen got themselves out and the bowling lacked accuracy, let alone penetration.

It was a microcosm of the winter in India and Sri Lanka. Played on a turning wicket, England succumbed meekly to spin — not this time to Kumble and his Indian colleagues, nor even the Sri Lankan Test pair, but toJayasuriya, whose left-arm slow bowling is subsidiary to his batting.

For him, it was a match to remember. He took six wickets for 29 as England's batsmen rushed lemming-like to their doom. Even more humiliating were the figures returned by Tillekeratne, who first played for Sri Lanka as a wicket-keeper-batsman, and Aravinda de Silva. To call this pair part-time spinners would overstate their pretentions but both claimed a wicket while giving away few runs.

With a total of 180 on a small ground, where 250 was probably the minimum defensible target, England's bowlers were soon under pressure. Apart from Lewis, the task was beyond them.

There was one glimmer of hope. It came with the introduction of Salisbury, who removed both opening batsmen in his first over. That brought in De Silva, who drove impetuously at the first ball of Salisbury's next over, skying to straight mid-off. Smith hurled himself to take it but the ball spilled out.

How Salisbury and England paid for that miss. The next two balls went for six over mid-wicket and De Silva was off and running. He hit Salisbury out of the attack and then turned his attentions to Emburey. Reeve and, finally, Hick, hitting seven fours and four sixes in his 75 from 68 balls.

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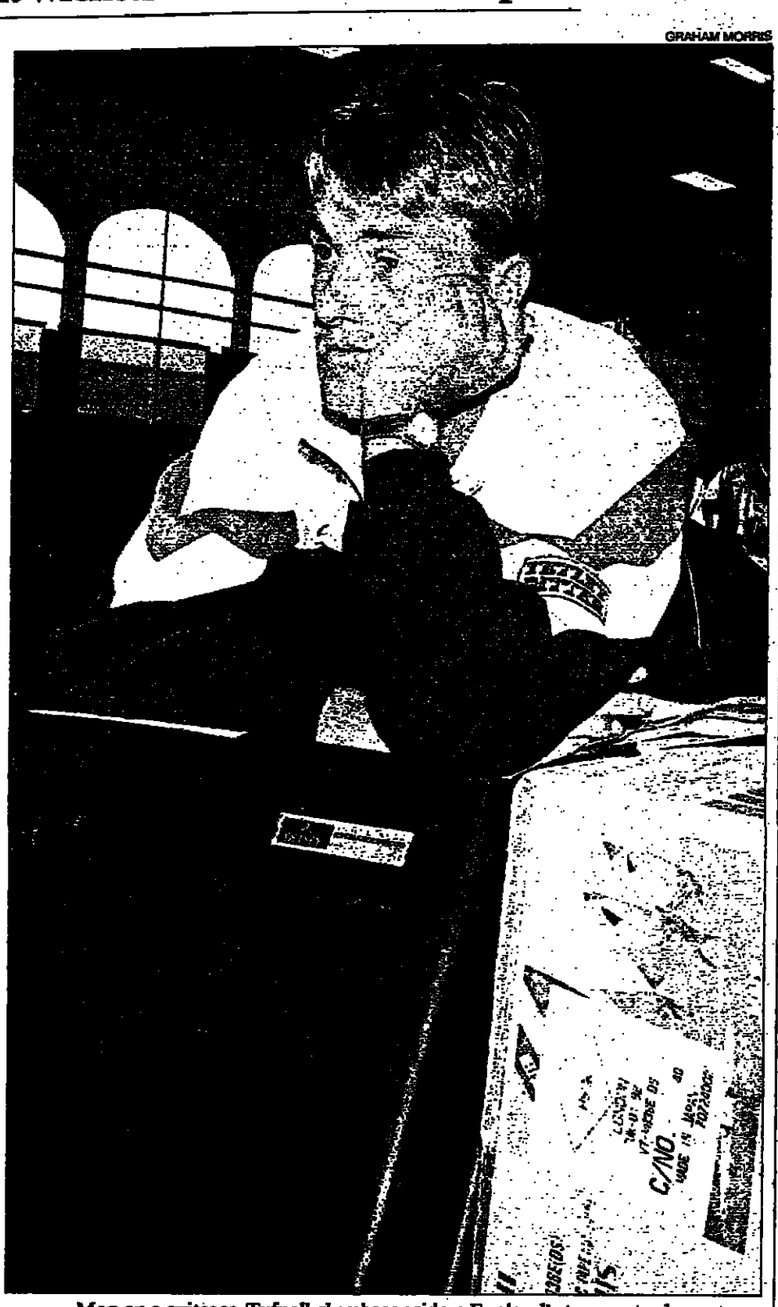

Man on a suitcase: Tufnell glumly considers England's tour yesterday

Lawrence's hopes of return are wrecked

THE career of David Lawrence, the Gloucestershire and England fast bowler, has been thrown into doubt after he fractured his kneecap for a second time.

Lawrence, 29, was training in a gym in Bristol on Saturday when the knee which he fractured when playing for England in the third Test against New Zealand in Wellington 13 months ago gave way again. He was taken to a local nursing home where the knee was rewired and screws inserted yesterday.

"The injury is not as severe as the earlier one but there is a definite fracture and we are very unlikely to see him bowling before late August at the earliest," Dickie Rossiter, the Gloucestershire chairman, said.

Lawrence had fought his way back to fitness steadily and he was looking forward to making a comeback early this season, particularly since his county has given him a benefit.

☐ Australia need to score 146 in 31.3 overs when their rain-affected one day international against New Zealand resumes today in Christchurch. Paul Reiffel took four wickets in nine balls as New Zealand reached 196 for eight.

SCORES: New Zealand 196-8 (45 overs, T Blain 41, P Reiffel 4-38), Australia 51-2 (13.3 overs; M E Waugh 32 not out).

Pakistan steer shrewd line in pursuit of practice

FROM JOHN WOODCOCK IN KINGSTON, JAMAICA

THE Pakistanis left Jamaica to make 300 to beat them here yesterday and gave themselves a minimum of 57 overs in which to bowl them out. Keen to win, yet glad of some practice, they had steered, thus far, a shrewd course between one and the other. Twenty minutes after lunch, Jamaica were 45 for two.

Although a four-day match may seem an illogical way to have started their tour when the next five matches are all one-day internationals, this particular one has given the Pakistanis some very useful cricket.

The pitch has had much to do with that, because the batsmen have been able to trust it and bowlers have had to work for their wickets; the opposition has been strong enough and the weather perfect.

With so many one-day money-spinners to be fitted in, as well as a Test series and chances for all, arranging an itinerary for these abbreviated tours is like doing a puzzle that has too many pieces.

Unbeaten in both innings, with 53 in the first and 84 yesterday, Basit Ali announced himself as another gifted young Pakistani. With his floppy white hat and casual talent and sturdy build, he put me very much in mind of Majid Khan or the old type of amateur.

Whether Basit has done enough to be given a place in the first of the one-day internationals tomorrow remains to be seen. He will find it a very difficult game if he plays, but he will be eager to do so and that is half the battle.

By the time Wasim Akram declared yesterday, all his side had had a knock in the match. His bowlers had finished off Jamaica's first innings in style on Saturday morning, when taking the last six wickets for 34 runs.

By lunchtime yesterday, Robert Samuels, a left-handed opening batsman intent on hitting everything for four, and Jimmy Adams, who is likely to be in the West Indian Test side, were out. The Pakistanis were looking good.

Captaining Jamaica and playing what he says will be his last first-class match, Jeff Dujon has lost none of the exquisite sense of timing that has always enabled him to play lightning strokes with a leisurely touch. Though still with the build of a ballet dancer, he soon flicked Rehman high into the pavilion for six, so effortlessly that Waqar Younis was moved to take hold of the bat with which he did it.

KINGSTON SCOREBOARD

PAKISTANIS: First Innings 319 for 4 dec (Inzamam-ul-Haq 106, Zahid Fazal 62, Basit Ali 51 not out).

Second Innings

Aamir Sohail c Dujon b Rose	10
Zahid Fazal c Gayle b Rose	2
Asif Mujtaba c and b Williams	79
*Wasim Akram b Williams	20
†Moin Khan b Andrews	32
Basit Ali not out	84
Waqar Younis lbw Williams	18
Mushtaq Ahmed c Gayle b Rose	0
Ata-ur-Rehman c Gayle b Williams	0
Extras (b 2, lb 5, w 2, nb 9)	18
Total (8 wkts dec)	263

Inzamam-ul-Haq and Rame Raja did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS 1-16, 2-23, 3-58, 4-118, 5-203, 6-252, 7-256, 8-263.

BOWLING: Rose 19-6-78-3, Andrews 15-1-44-1; Williams 25-6-66-4, Adams 10-2-24-0, Haynes 12-3-35-0, Morgan 3-0-9-0.

JAMAICA: First Innings

D S Morgan c Moin b Wasim	0
R G Samuels run out	32
J C Adams st Moin b Mushtaq	27
*†P J L Dujon lbw b Mushtaq	7
C A Davidson run out	86
L R Williams c Moin b Mushtaq	65
P A Gayle b Waqar	15
R C Haynes c Moin b Waqar	15
A Andrews st Moin b Mushtaq	1
F Rose b Mushtaq	5
N O Perry not out	0
Extras (b 7, lb 20, w 1, nb 13)	41
Total	283

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-0, 2-58, 3-73, 4-78, 5-249, 6-251, 7-262, 8-276, 9-283.

BOWLING: Wasim Akram 15-1-58-1; Waqar Younis 16-1-59-2, Mushtaq Ahmed 33-7-86-5; Aamir Sohail 3-0-15-0, Ata-ur-Rehman 14-2-38-0.

Umpires: V Harrison and L Ball.

SCOREBOARD FROM MORATUWA

Sri Lanka won toss

ENGLAND

		6s	4s	Min	Ball
C C Lewis c Ramanayake b W'singhe *Hook to deep long leg*	8	0	2	25	17
R A Smith st A M De Silva b Jayasuriya *Playing forward to flighted ball*	31	1	3	75	48
G A Hick lbw b Kalpage *Attempting pull*	36	0	6	60	44
N H Fairbrother c A M De Silva b Jayasuriya *Edged defensive shot to keeper*	21	1	1	37	47
*+A J Stewart lbw b Tillekeratne *Driving across the line*	14	0	1	43	32
M W Gatting lbw b P A De Silva *Moving out to drive*	2	0	0	5	8
D A Reeve b Jayasuriya *Swinging across the line*	20	0	0	59	44
J E Emburey c Ramanayake b J'suriya *Lofted drive to deep mid on*	21	0	0	42	41
I D K Salisbury not out	2	0	0	16	6
P W Jarvis c A M De Silva b Jayasuriya *Steer to keeper*	4	0	0	4	4
J P Taylor b Jayasuriya *Attempting swing to leg*	1	0	0	4	8
Extras (b 2, lb 9, w 3, nb 6)	20				
Total (193 mins, 48.5 overs)	180				

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-23 (Smith 11), 2-77 (Hick 32), 3-85 (Fairbrother 2), 4-111 (Stewart 6), 5-114 (Stewart 7), 6-125 (Reeve 3), 7-168 (Reeve 18), 8-172 (Salisbury 1), 9-177 (Salisbury 1)

BOWLING: Ramanayake 4-0-20-0 (nb 1, w 1) (one spell), Wickremasinghe 8-0-23-1 (nb 2) (5-0-19-1 3-0-4-0), Gurusinha 4-0-21-0 (w 1), Hathurusinghe 2-0-13-0 (one spell each), Kalpage 10-0-27-1 (7-0-19-1 3-0-8-0), Jayasuriya 9.5-0-29-6 (nb 1, w 1) (7-0-16-2 2.5-0-13-4), P A De Silva 7-1-22-1 (nb 2), Tillekeratne 4-0-14-1 (one spell each).

INTERMEDIATE SCORES: After 10 overs-48, 20-85, 30-114, 40-149.

SRI LANKA

		6s	4s	Min	Ball
R S Mahanama c Stewart b Salisbury *Edged back foot attacking shot to keeper*	29	0	5	73	48
U C Hathurusinghe c and b Salisbury *Chest high straight drive*	33	0	5	71	48
A P Gurusinha not out	35	0	2	78	54
P A De Silva not out	75	4	7	74	68
Extras (b 1,lb 2, w 2, nb 6)	11				
Total (2 wkts, 150 min, 35.2 overs)	183				

DID NOT BAT: *A Ranatunga, H P Tillekeratne, S T Jayasuriya, +A M De Silva, C P H Ramanayake, R S Kalpage, G P Wickremasinghe.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-66 (Mahanama 23), 2-68 (Gurusinha 1).

BOWLING: Lewis 7-1-13-0 (nb 2), Jarvis 4-0-22-0, Taylor 3-0-20-0 (nb 2), Emburey 6-0-29-0, Salisbury 4-0-36-2 (nb 1, w 1), Hick 8.2-1-36-0, Reeve 5-0-24-0 (nb 2, w1) (one spell each).

INTERMEDIATE SCORES: After 10 overs-44, 20-96, 30-136.

Umpires: B C Cooray and T M Samarasinghe.

Sri Lanka won by 8 wkts.

Man of the match: S T Jayasuriya.

RUGBY LEAGUE

Gladiators get thumbs down from Barrow

Barrow 72
Blackpool Gladiators 6

BY CHRISTOPHER IRVINE

IN THE headlong rush to hive off the bottom three in the third division, the prospect of Barrow — part of rugby league ever since the Northern Union's breakaway in 1895 — biting the dust never occurred to the clubs who voted for the return to two divisions. Barrow included.

The unimaginable may yet become the unavoidable, but an instinct for survival hardened by nearly a century of subsistence living on the Cumbrian coast will not easily be shaken after a destruction job on the bedraggled Gladiators of Blackpool. Barrow left a 209-point deficit in a considerably healthier state after the second biggest league win in their history. For once this season, the few paying customers had something to smile about.

There have been more memorable occasions in an often ill-starred history, a Challenge Cup in 1955 for instance, but few could have been celebrated with quite the degree of relief as yesterday.

Barrow, for all their deep-rooted support, have never quite lit up the league firmament, but still the scoring feats of Willie Horne, Jim Lewthwaite and Ian Ball trip off the tongue of Craven Park regulars. After yesterday, so will that of Mike Kavanagh, his dozen goals added to a first-half try equalling the individual club points record of 28.

While the Shipbuilders were plainly not determined to sink without trace, Blackpool were holed by 12 tries. Nottingham, Highfield and Chorley still fill the places on death row, but the Gladiators may yet get the thumbs down.

Blackpool brought with them a supporters' bus but only six professionals in their team. A desperate defence was breached by Robinson in the first minute, six more times before the interval.

The seventh try, by the veteran prop forward, Bob Eccles, when he lofted the ball over the cover and raced 60 yards for the touchdown, was the final indignity for the visitors. Until January, Eccles was the Blackpool coach.

SCORERS: Barrow: Tries: Carey (2), Wild (2), Jackson (2), Robinson, Trainor, Eccles, Kavanagh, Rae, Hadley. Goals: Kavanagh (12). Blackpool: Try: Sankey Goal: Ripon.

BARROW: G Fletcher; J Wild, P Trainor, R Robinson, S. Carey; M Kavanagh, W Jackson; B Eccles (sub: Rhodes), S Shaw, N Casson (sub: Pemberton), S Rhodes (sub: S Rae), K Pemberton (sub: D Hadley). S Morrow.

BLACKPOOL GLADIATORS: A Ripon; D Sankey, A Shaw (sub: J Basson), T Iddon, J Hughes; D Wood, A Phelan; P Bant, J Watts, A Runcman, D Erentz, M O'Hara, N McClennan.

Referee: P Volante.

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BASKETBALL

Worthing survive without Wells

WORTHING Bears took another faltering step towards their first Carlsberg League title on Saturday, but Kalpatrick Wells, their 6ft 9in American, did not even step on to court (Nicholas Harling writes).

Wells injured his left hamstring in training on Friday and sat out the home game in which the Bears defeated Oldham Celtics 103-93. "It was much closer than it should have been against a club like that," Wells said after seeing his team-mates fritter away the best part of a 20-point advantage.

Worthing cannot afford such profligacy when visiting Thames Valley Tigers next Saturday. "It's touch and go whether I'll be able to play," Wells said. "My hamstring is still sore. I've been having problems with it but this time I pulled it a little more severely."

Without Wells, Worthing allowed Chris Fite, Oldham's tallest player, at 6ft 7in, to collect 32 points, although 18 of them came from long range with three-pointers. Hal Henderson also hit 32 for Oldham, including four three-pointers. Mark Hubbard collected six three-pointers in his 28 points for Worthing, who led only 46-45 at the interval.

Derby Bucks, who visit Worthing next Sunday, slightly reduced their chance of a place in the play-offs with a 88-86 home defeat by Manchester Giants, who had trailed 50-44 at the interval.

YACHTING

Hopkins given a rough ride

THREE more bedraggled British Steel Challenge crews made landfall at Cape Town yesterday at the end of the third and harshest stage of this race around the world.

The man most thankful to be standing on dry land again was Gary Hopkins, who has been seasick almost continuously since the fleet left Hobart five weeks ago. The Coopers & Lybrand crewman had intended to sail the entire race, but was only able to join Vivien Cherry and her crew for the second half back to England. Having lost half a stone in weight on this 5,800-mile stage, the 36-year-old local government official from Chigwell, in Essex, has no inclination to take a trip round Table Bay, let alone complete the final stage back to England.

"It was not so much the swell but the yacht flying through the air and crashing down into the troughs," Hopkins said. The Coopers crew reached port late on Saturday and were followed less than three hours later by Rhone-Poulenc.

THIRD STAGE, Hobart to Cape Town: 1, Group 4 Securitas (M Golding), 33 days, 17min, 06sec; 2, Hofbrau Lager (P Goss), 34:10:54; 3, Nuclear Electric (J Chatfenden), 34:14:23; 4, Coopers & Lybrand (V Cherry), 35:17:06; 5, Rhone-Poulenc (P Phillips), 35:19:34; 6, Heath Insured (A Donovan), 35:22:46; 7, British Steel II (R Tudor), 36:10:48. OTHER POSITIONS (at 15:00GMT yesterday, with miles to Cape Town): 8, Interspray (P Jeffes), 21, 9, Commercial Union (R Maxwell-Heather), 24, 10, Pride of Teesside (I MacGillivray), 31.

OVERALL (after three stages): 1, Nuclear Electric, 115:10:29; 2, Group 4 Securitas, 115:18:25; 3, Hofbrau Lager, 116:05:28; 4, Heath Insured, 117:10:40; 5, Coopers & Lybrand, 118:07:51; 6, Rhone-Poulenc, 123:00:25; 7, British Steel II, 127:03:41.

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Average France finish first in moderate five nations' field

David Miller visits a strangely subdued Parc des Princes and watches a patchy French display

It has been a no more than moderate five nations' championship won by a no better than average French team thanks to the disintegration of what had been regarded as a still powerful England side and the late emergence of an Irish team from nowhere.

Seldom has a match so exposed the reality that rugby union is still far removed from being a professional sport in thought and application, whatever the pretence and ambition given it by some of the commercially minded on or off the field.

France, unlucky to have lost to England at Twickenham, had the handling and territorial advantage to have run up a 30-point margin against Wales before three-quarter time but they lacked the professionalism to string it together. So we have champions without a champion mentality, with characteristic French *élan* but lacking finality.

Rugby remains a game in which reputations are fragile, not to say sometimes hollow, where so-called form is ephemeral, where the tactics of even sound coaches can founder on inconsistent performers, and where the most knowledgeable pundits can find events embarrassingly reversed.

The relative looseness of rugby, compared with say individual professional sports such as golf or tennis or the genuinely professional team games like football or cricket, is apparent when an experienced past international captain can write this weekend that several Irish players made a last-minute bid for the Lions tour.

Such a conception of selecting a squad for the toughest tour known to the game, to New Zealand, puts rugby on a par with the era of England's World Cup football selection by an amateur committee, prior to the days of Alf Ramsey, who would pick teams place by place, number by number, without reference to their surrounding colleagues. "Right, then, who gave the best performance in the championship at centre forward last weekend?" Such a policy is bound to be hit or miss.

The scoring in Paris reveals that France led 16-3 at half-time thanks, primarily, to a Welsh proclivity for errors in the centre of the field within penalty-kicking distance. The only try thus far, by a foraging back-row man, Benetton, had come from a rolling maul in which the Wales defence crumbled.

It was not until the last ten minutes that France turned the screw, with another two tries that were some reflection of their exciting earlier running. Yet in that same spell, Wales simultaneously asserted themselves, Walker going over in the corner.

Indeed, the French so nearly might have blown the title, for there was the chance of a hack-ahead try by Gibbs comparable to that from Evans that had memorably defeated England at the Arms Park. In the event, Tordo, the France captain, was ajudged to have knocked on as he attempted and failed to field the ball and there was still time for a final French try, made by Hueber's laughable pass forward, by at least two yards, for Benetton to score again.

Tordo, the hooker, is a remarkable figure. Every sport has performers who are equipped in a particular way yet Tordo, one suspects, could play nothing but rugby unless, perhaps, it was Thai kick-boxing. He has the intimidating jaw and shoulders of a Samoan, has legs that turn outwards from the knees, runs on his heels and is in the thick of every ruck, as often as not picking up to begin a spontaneous handling movement.

Yet the French regularly chose the wrong point of attack, too often failed to advance on the gain-line with their flickering handling, so the end product was only frustration.

A strange aspect of the match, on a glorious spring afternoon, was the absence of atmosphere at a Parc des Princes in which it was impossible to find a spare seat. The Welsh, who must have exhausted the M & S supply of red pullovers, were seemingly resigned to defeat, their only ambition being defeat for England in Dublin, and they sang less within the stadium than they did in the boulevards before and afterwards.

The France supporters were transparently cynical, their emotion being mainly confined to booing Lacroix when he lined up another penalty kick rather than electing to run the ball for the line. Wales salvaged a sort of dignity but it is difficult to see others besides Ieuan Evans, Emyr Lewis and perhaps Gibbs joining the party for New Zealand. How times change.

Elwood's mastery condemns England

Ireland 17
England 3

FROM DAVID HANDS
RUGBY CORRESPONDENT
IN DUBLIN

THE wheel has turned full circle. Six years ago England retreated from Dublin, beaten 17-0; they then recorded six successive victories over Ireland and, along the way, picked up two grand slams. Lansdowne Road on Saturday proved what this five nations' championship had already hinted, that a proud era in English rugby is over.

At Dublin airport a cartoon depicted an Englishman clutching the ball while five men in green descended upon him. So it proved. Seldom can a side have gone from woeful to wonderful as quickly as Ireland since their dreadful match with Scotland in January.

Where have the Irish been hiding Eric Elwood? He is their fifth stand-off half in a year and Saturday was only his second international, yet he dominated the match and the scoring, converting Ireland's try, kicking two penalty goals and two dropped goals.

On his home ground — he has helped Lansdowne to promotion this season — he ran the game in a way which called to mind England's deposed stand-off, Rob Andrew. Behind the surging green wave Elwood played the angles, forcing a sometimes hesitant defence to turn and chase. What he did not do was pass.

Ireland knew that in a broken field, England's runners could destroy them. What they did not know was that England would assist them, bringing the ball back to where the Irish were dominant, among the forwards; Rory Underwood was given the ball in space once and he made a nonsense of the defenders before Guscott knocked on five metres short of the line.

Slow ball and an Irish back division never once penalised for offside made swift transference to the backs difficult, but England managed it only once in a match where they dominated the lineout 33-14. Ireland's hunger was obvious, while England appeared sated. Much of the motivation for this championship disappeared when they lost in Wales last month and a third consecutive grand slam slipped out of reach. Nor, unlike two years ago, was there the rock which is Dean Richards on which to regroup so, sadly, players like Winterbottom and Dooley ended their illustrious England careers on a low note.

It is impossible to overestimate the shot in the arm Irish rugby has received. "Hard work is the answer," Gerry Murphy, the Ireland coach, said. "The players talked about it, set out what they wanted to do and I am absolutely delighted for them."

Self-confidence grew the longer England maintained their first-half position in Irish territory without having anything to show for it. The testy wind counted for nothing, even less when Elwood drilled over a penalty. Teague was held up in a scramble on the line and the elder Underwood almost cut in two by McBride and Elwood.

Sandy MacNeill, the referee, reversed a penalty because of some barging after the ball was dead which gave Webb his solitary success, but Elwood struck two blows at the start of the second half, dropping a goal and kicking a long penalty. As England's star waned for good, he dropped another goal before Carling's wild pass went to ground, Elwood helped it to Clarke and Bradley sent the admirable Galwey trundling towards glory.

SCORERS: Ireland: Try: Galwey. Penalty goals: Elwood (2). Dropped goals: Elwood (2). England: Penalty goal: Webb.
IRELAND: C P Clarke (Terenure College); R M Wallace (Garryowen), V J G Cunningham (St Mary's College), P P A Danaher (Garryowen), S P Geoghegan (London Irish), E P Elwood (Lansdowne), M T Bradley (Cork Constitution, capt); N J Popplewell (Greystones), T J Kingston (Dolphin), P M Clohessy (Young Munster), P T J O'Hara (Cork Constitution), P S Johns (Dungannon), M J Galwey (Shannon), W D McBride (Malone), B F Robinson (London Irish).
ENGLAND: J-M Webb (Bath); T Underwood (Leicester), W D C Carling (Harlequins, capt), J C Guscott (Bath), R Underwood (Leicester/RAF); S Barnes (Bath), C D Morris (Orrell); J Leonard (Harlequins), B C Moore (Harlequins), J A Probyn (Wasps), M G Teague (Moseley), M C Bayfield (Northampton), W A Dooley (Preston Grasshoppers), P J Winterbottom (Harlequins), B B Clarke (Bath)
Referee: A R MacNeill (Australia).

Just in time: Webster, the Wales flanker, gets the ball away before being enveloped by Mesnel, of France

French take decisive possession of trophy

France 26
Wales 10

FROM GERALD DAVIES
IN PARIS

AFTER a tournament in which the form line has taken idiosyncratic twists and turns, a clear champion finally emerged to win the first five nations' trophy. France, ensured that by winning convincingly by a goal, two tries and three penalties to a goal and, with England defeated in Dublin, no pocket calculator was required to determined the outright winner.

Wales, even in losing by such a margin, could yet feel that they had played their best game to date. Here, at last, they were constructive, forceful and often took the game to the French. In short, they began, to ask some pertinent questions of the opposition. They should feel optimistic for next season.

That it should be France and not England who have ended champions is, according to Pierre Berbizier, the France coach, not so much because England dropped their standards at the top as the closing of the gap from beneath. Scotland have maintained their progress, he felt, adding that both Ireland and Wales have now made sufficient strides to look ahead to a brighter future.

"For the sake of the northern hemisphere," Berbizier said, "it is essential in order to combat southern hemisphere domination that the five nations' championship should grow in strength. Only then will the World Cup come to the northern hemisphere. We cannot afford to have Wales remain weak." This latter point, so often, and so patronisingly, made in recent years, seemed appropriate.

The season ends with no dominant national team; no high standards have been created. No team, not even France, can feel confident that it is leading the field for others to match as England have done in recent years. There were periods at Parc des Princes, in the middle of the first half and the latter end of the second, when there was a continuity of swift flow which might pave the way forward but there was no consistent composure. After winning the first two lineouts, Wales, for the next 20 minutes went without winning ten of them and were, consequently, left deep in defence. Wales' survival touchline kicks ensured that France always had the throw-in. Over-complication by the French meant that Lacroix's long penalty and Benetton's first try, converted by Lafond, were their only reward.

There followed an encouraging spell for Wales, with Lewis, Phil Davies and Lamerton, emerging with credit at forward. With Gibbs forceful in midfield and Moon tireless at scrum half, Wales managed a foothold in the French half from which Jenkins kicked a penalty. By half-time, however, infringements gave Lacroix two penalties and France a lead which proved insurmountable. Passes may have have gone forward in the moves for both of France's second-half tries by Benetton and Lafond. Walker, in scoring Wales' first try at Parc des Princes since 1983, may have stepped marginally into touch, Jenkins convertingsuperbly.

If these were refereeing errors, then they merely confirmed the strange course the championship has followed.

DETAILS

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
France	4	3	0	1	73	35	6
Scotland	4	2	0	2	50	40	4
England	4	2	0	2	54	54	4
Ireland	4	2	0	2	45	53	4
Wales	4	1	0	3	34	74	2

RESULTS: England 16, France 15. Scotland 15, Ireland 3; France 11, Scotland 3; Wales 10, England 9. Scotland 20, Wales 0; Ireland 6, France 21; England 26, Scotland 12; Wales 14, Ireland 19; France 26, Wales 10; Ireland 17, England 3.

SCORERS: France: Tries: Benetton (2), Lafond. Conversion: Lafond Penalties: Lacroix (3) Wales: Try: Walker. Conversion: Jenkins. Penalty: Jenkins
FRANCE: J-B Lafond (Begles), P Saint-André (Monf Ferrand), P Sella (Agen), T Lacroix (Dax) P Hontas (Biarritz); F Mesnel (Racing Club), A Hueber (Toulon), L Armary (Lourdes), J-F Tordo (Nice, captain), L Seigne (Merignac), P Benetton (Agen), A Benazzi (Agen), O Roumat (Dax), L Cabannes (Racing Club), M Cecillon (Bourgoin)
WALES: A Clement (Swansea), I Evans (Llanelli, captain), N Davies (Llanelli), S Gibbs (Swansea), N Walker (Cardiff), N Jenkins (Pontypridd), R H St J B Moon (Llanelli), R Evans (Llanelli, rep J Davies, Neath), A Lamerton (Llanelli), H Williams-Jones (South Wales Police) M Perego (Llanelli, rep P Arnold, Swansea), P Davies (Llanelli), G Llewellyn (Neath), R Webster (Swansea), E Lewis (Llanelli)
Referee: D E Doyle (Ireland)

Blessed Eric converts 80-minute dementia into all-night crack

Green demon: Watched by Morris, Robinson, the Ire- No. 8, wraps up Probyn. Photograph: Ian Stewart

Simon Barnes confesses that he rejoiced as Ireland ignored the script and pulled off a miracle

A glorious weekend of sport in a glorious city; an afternoon of tumult and shouting, and an evening of song; 17-3 and Eric Elwood, followed by rovers and ramblers and long-lost lovers in a land where only the rivers run free. And on and on. I was still smiling as I passed through duty free the following morning.

Is it unpatriotic to revel so much in an Irish victory — an Irish victory in Dublin? I don't think so. It is not as if it were Wales.

I would like to apologise for the above statement. Or at least, explain it. I have come up with the theory of Selective Patriotism to cover it.

The history of national sporting rivalries involves the England rugby team in a sacred duty to beat Wales. An English victory over Wales is twice as good as a victory over any other national side; that is history for you.

By the same token, it is always cheering to read of any Welsh defeat in rugby. One of my great sadnesses as a sportswriter is that I was not there in Cardiff on that heady day when Western Samoa beat Wales in the World Cup in 1991.

This sounds awfully petty, mainly because it is. But it is part of sport.

Finlay Calder, the former Scotland captain, once said that if he was watching a tiddlywinks match between England and Russia, he would yell himself hoarse for the Russians. For the Celtic nations, the sweetest side to beat is always England. History inevitably gives most of the English a different perspective. There is no special magic when England beat Wales at football, though there is for the Welsh, when they beat England.

But Scotland — that is quite a different matter for the English. The name of Ally MacLeod will always be sweet to the English after his disastrous World Cup campaign of 1978 — "I don't recall you English qualifying for that one".

All of which brings me back to Dublin and a weekend of delights. "Irish spirit alone will not win us many matches," Noel Murphy, the manager, said before the match. Well, it won Saturday's all right.

England were not so much outplayed as overwhelmed. "We played sensibly," Geoff Cooke, the England manager, said. "But we were trying to live off scrappy stuff in a sea of green shirts."

There were at least 23 green shirts appearing by magic every time England had a sniff of the ball.

England won the lineout count 36-14; much good it did them. Every time the English tried to impose their own patterns of disciplined rugby, they encountered three or four tacklers and a couple of dozen spoilers. England tried the path of creativity and inspiration; that only called still more green-shirted demons into being.

The Irish, with two winless seasons under their belts, were condemned as wooden-spoonists before they started; hammered by their own critics and amiably dismissed by their opponents. The transformation was little short of miraculous.

How did it come about? The coach, Gerry Murphy, said: "I was going to keep it a secret. But we did spend a weekend in Lourdes." St Jude, patron saint of lost causes, might have been still more appropriate.

But perhaps one should also give thanks for the performance of Blessed Eric Elwood, the Irish stand-off. Not the most Irish of names, I know, but he was born in Galway, and he did score all of Ireland's points, bar the final exultant and galumphing try from Mick Galwey.

Elwood: filled vacuum

The first half was messy and scrappy and inconclusive; in other words, it could hardly have gone better for Ireland. In such games, no matter what the sport, the rhythm of play establishes a kind of vacuum.

Nature, abhorring this, requires a single dominant personality to fill it. Enter Elwood.

Elwood's first dropped goal gave Ireland a 6-3 lead two minutes into the second half, and at once the whiff of upset was in the air. His second dropped goal, adding to his two penalty goals, made it 12-3, and the possibility of upset became a near certainty.

For Ireland had failed to read the script. They started at 100mph, as they are expected to. But they are also supposed to fade in the last 20 minutes.

Traditionally, they come out like demented wolverines, but smart opponents expect that, weather the storm and let the Irish blow themselves out. Once the Irish are knackered, the opposition, fitter and cannier, moves up a gear and roars out of sight.

It didn't happen. This was the day of the 80-minute dementia. Perhaps the Irish secret was to add greater fitness to their traditional wolverine virtues.

The upset victory is common currency in football. It happens in almost every round of the FA Cup. But rugby, set-piece dominated and powered by forward might, is rigidly bound to the formbook.

That makes a genuine upset something rather special. This was not a quotidian miracle, but something to savour. The Irish have a special talent for savouring things. Ah, the blessed crack, or craic, as a Gaelic-speaking friend tells me to write. The English, as I said last week, have a certain secret envy of the Irish.

Mostly, or at least most obviously, they — we — envy the talent for celebration.

Dublin would have celebrated an Irish defeat with great sincerity. How much more joy was there in victory? A wonderful Irish day, and for once, I did not envy. I shared.

Time for another song: does anyone know the Ballad of Blessed Eric?

Crenshaw offers reminder of past

BEN Crenshaw, once the great hope of American golf, finds himself, at the age of 41, relegated to the ranks of the elder statesmen (Patricia Davies writes).

However, this week at Bay Hill, in the Nestlé Invitational, Crenshaw, the the 1984 Masters champion, showed he is far from a spent force, leading Davis Love III by one shot going into the final round yesterday.

Bernhard Langer was in the group on 212, four under par, a shot behind Love, with Vijay Singh at three under, despite hooking two drives into the water at the 6th, a par five, and taking eight. Greg Norman and Tom Watson were two under. Heavy rain caused play to be suspended for an hour before they began the final round.

Langer, who has turned himself into a highly effective putter through hard work and application, sank two or three good putts to came home in 32 after an unsettling bout of hooking early on. "It's something I've had for 15 or 20 years," he said. "Certain things stay with you."

Crenshaw, whose putting stroke has long been the envy of his peers, has changed the grip on his putter — Andy Bean, another master of the greens, did a doctoring job earlier in the week — and is also holding the club less firmly.

A putt of 15 feet for par at the 15th and two putts of about the same length for birdies at the 16th and 17th indicated the famed touch was back.

A delicate chip to within a couple of feet of the hole at the 18th confirmed it.

LEADING THIRD-ROUND SCORES (US unless stated): 210: B Crenshaw, 71, 70, 69. 211: D Love III, 71, 69, 71. 212: W Kratzert, 72, 70, 70; D Pohl, 70, 72, 70. B Langer (Ger), 71, 70, 71. 213: B Faxon, 71, 72, 70; V Singh (Fiji), 70, 72, 71. 214: D A Weibring, 72, 75, 67; G Norman (Aus), 72, 73, 69; R Mediate, 72, 72, 70; T Watson, 76, 68, 70; M McCumber, 72, 71, 71; E Humenik, 73, 69, 72; M Allen, 69, 72, 73

Vote adds to pressure on Jones

By David Powell
ATHLETICS CORRESPONDENT

THESE are uncomfortable times for Malcolm Jones, the first chief executive of the British Athletic Federation (BAF), and Arthur McAllister, its president. While Peter Radford and David Bedford, two men used to winning in their heyday as athletes, triumphed at the sport's polls on Saturday, Jones and McAllister were blown backwards.

Two months of electioneering were precipitated by a BAF management board vote of no confidence in Jones. Now the men who were censured, with McAllister's approval, by the governing body's council for their part in the no-confidence vote have won the support of Britain's clubs. At the BAF annual meeting in Birmingham, Radford was elected chairman and Bedford was re-elected secretary. A third man who was censured, John Lister, remains as treasurer.

The other member of the so-called "gang of four", Bob Greenoak, was voted in too, as vice-chairman, meaning that Jones is back where he started, working with a management board on which the majority considers that he is not doing an effective job.

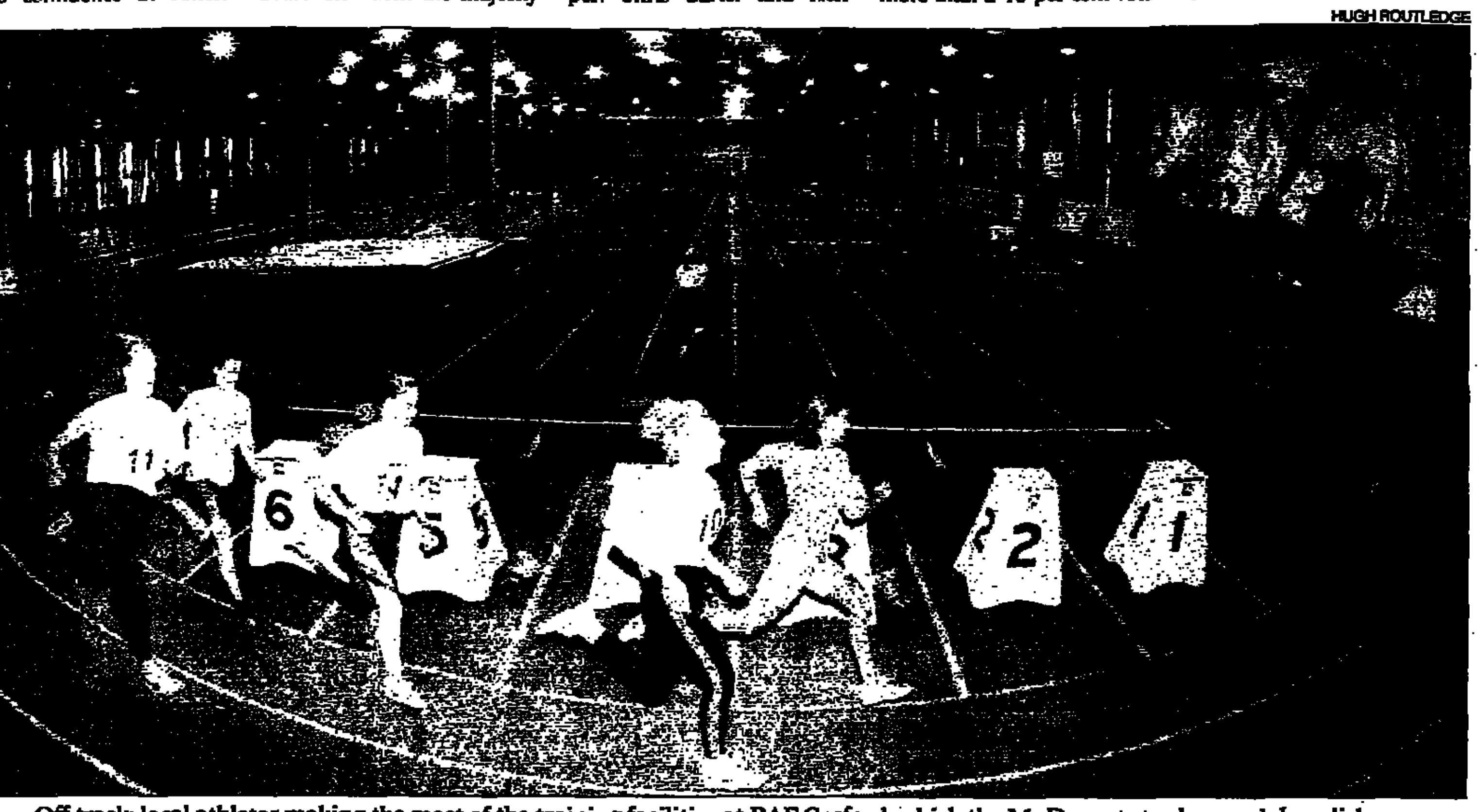
Jones is in the second year of a three-year appointment and, since he does not have the support of his team, his position is regarded as untenable. The same goes for McAllister, who last month accused the Radford group of operating a cabal. "They were neither open with their fellow officers and management board members, nor fair in their treatment of the chief executive," McAllister said, openly supporting the men now defeated.

Those men are David Cropper, Chris Carter and Ken Oakley, respectively seeking posts as chairman, secretary and vice-president. Lister was unopposed. There were calls for McAllister to resign. Holmepierrepont club abstained in protest because, an official said, it did not find any of the election manifestos convincing. Sue Deaves, a BAF council member, said she was "appalled at the display my beloved sport has given to the world in recent months".

While the number of votes cast was higher than last year, it was less than satisfactory. All the electioneering of the past months failed to produce more than a 40 per cent vote. In each case, the Radford group's victories were comfortable but not overwhelming. Consolation for Cropper — and, no doubt, for Jones and McAllister — was a subsequent council vote to elect him to the management board.

The Radford group manifesto promises many things, including a director for development, whose work will cross into the territory of Frank Dick, the director of coaching. Under Dick, Britain's international success rate is better than ever. He said that none of the Radford four had consulted him on the matter.

HUGH ROUTLEDGE



Off track: local athletes making the most of the training facilities at RAF Cosford, which the MoD wants to close and demolish

SO FAREWELL, then, Cosford, unless, with the noose around its neck, there is a late reprieve (David Powell writes).

On Saturday, it fell to the veterans, the ones who remember how the old aircraft hangar came to serve indoor athletics, to put it through its final paces before the bulldozers are due to move in, and to ensure that the valediction was not without tears.

The British veterans' championships was the last competition at the Shropshire RAF station where Seb Coe and Zola Budd set world records. Coe has come and gone, declining even to support the campaign to spare Cosford, but Alan Meddings remains.

Meddings won the 60 yards at Cosford's first meeting in 1955. On Saturday, he won again, breaking the 60 metres British record for over-65s (8.28sec) and taking the treble with wins in the 200 and 400 metres.

Colin Simpson, third in the mile way back then, also repeated his position, now third in the over-60s' 1,500 metres. "It was like a time warp," Simpson said. "Until you look at the times." His mile had been run in 4min 31.7sec: aged 63, his 1,500 metres took 5min 40sec (mile equivalent 6:02).

When athletes, officials and spectators poured on to the track after the last event for a lap to mark Cosford's passing, Meddings and Simpson were at the front. The public address played *The Last Post*. "Everyone was crying into their tea-cups: it was quite touching," Simpson said. Bill Taylor, 75, a retired wing commander, made it round despite two hip replacements: his wife tried to dissuade him, worried about the camber, but Taylor would not be stopped. It was that sort of day.

The Midland Counties Athletic Association (MCAA) uses Cosford under licence from the Ministry of Defence (MoD), whose land agency has given notice to quit on March 31. The MoD wants to reclaim the track space for military use, but the MCAA is still fighting, whipping up support.

An early day motion has been put to the House of Commons, supported by 31 MPs, though not by Sebastian Coe, who says it is a constituency matter. Backing has come from Sir Peter Yarranton, the Sports Council chairman, however, who has written to Malcolm Rifkind, the defence secretary, asking the MoD to reconsider the fate of the track.

"It is used for national, regional and club meetings and, in addition, plays a vitally important role in allowing our national track and field teams to prepare for international competition," Yarranton wrote.

It is all too late was the opinion on Saturday. "I was told this morning by the RAF team manager that bulldozers are in here on April 1," one official said. It seems that Cosford, just short of 40, will not live to see veterans' age.

SPORT IN BRIEF

Gilford goes to top of the money list

DAVID Gilford became Europe's leading money-winner this season when a play-off birdie gave him the Portuguese Open golf title at Vila Sol.

Gilford, 27, from Cheshire, denied Jorge Berendt, of Argentina, by sinking an eight-foot putt on the first extra hole after the pair had tied on the 13 under par total of 275. In a testing wind, Gilford had a closing 74 and Berendt 72. It was Gilford's second win in five weeks and the seventh by an English player in nine European Tour events this year.

Gilford, a part-time cattle farmer, went from two ahead to one behind when he bogeyed the 14th and 15th. But Berendt, a former caddie who has never been higher than fourth on the European Tour before, missed the green at the 378-yard 16th and had to make an eight-foot putt on the last to force extra time. He almost holed again from 25 feet when they came back to the same hole, but then Gilford, having played the much better approach, jumped in to secure the £41,660 top prize. His total winnings now stand at £132,727 and he has moved into eighth spot in the race for places in the Ryder Cup team.

Cambridge's easy win

ROWING: Cambridge won the women's Boat Race with ease at Henley yesterday (Mike Rosewell writes). With six old blues in the crew, including Clare Glackin, a silver medal winner with Great Britain under-23 team last summer, Cambridge's pedigree was impressive and they pulled away in the second half of the race to win by 4½ lengths, dropping the rate to 32 at one point.

Oxford, stroked by Phoebe White, the 1992 national sculling champion, led briefly off the start, before Cambridge took a slight lead after one minute. Oxford, always rating higher, had little more to offer as Cambridge moved away. Cambridge's win produced an overall score of 31 wins to Oxford's 17 in the event. Samantha Benham, who steered the Oxford women's crew last year, is expected to be named as cox in the Oxford men's Boat Race crew, in place of Gordon Buxton, today.

Double dream survives

HOCKEY: Hounslow's dream of the season's double came nearer fulfilment yesterday as they beat East Grinstead 3-1 in the semi-final of the Royal Bank of Scotland Cup at Feltham. In the thirteenth minute, Hazlitt ran fast on the left and delivered the ball to Thompson to score. Hacker increased the lead in the 26th minute on the follow-up from a short corner. East Grinstead retaliated three minutes later from their second short corner, which Wallis converted with a superb shot. East Grinstead seemed to be gaining ground but Wallis was deprived of a goal by Barrow, and Crutchley made the match safe for Hounslow with a snap goal four minutes before the end.

Slough reach play-offs

ICE HOCKEY: So close and unpredictable are both divisions of the Heineken League, the final play-off places had not been decided with only last night's games to go. In the premier division, the eight teams to qualify for the championship quarter-finals were known, but the finishing positions that would produce the formation of the two groups had yet to be determined. In the first division, the top three were in place — Basingstoke Beavers, Sheffield Steelers and Milton Keynes Kings — but the remaining positions were unclear, although Slough Jets did secure a place on Saturday with a thrilling 9-8 win over the Beavers, Warren Rost scoring the last-minute winner.

FOR THE RECORD

ATHLETICS

MANSFIELD: National cross-country relays: Senior Men (4 x 5,000m): 1, Australia A, 59.24; 2, Australia B, 60.07; 3, Morpeth, 60.42. Senior Women (3 x 3,000m): 1, Australia, 30.22; 2, Australia, 31.29; 3, Birchfield, 31.50.
ROME: Rome-Ostia road race (21km): 1, A Masai (Ken), 1hr 2.23sec; 2, P Metta (Tan), 1 02.24; 3, C Thackery (Eng), 1:04 05.

BADMINTON

WEMBLEY: Yonex All-England championships: Finals: Men: Singles: H Arbi (Indo) bt J Suprianto (Indo), 15-7, 4-15, 15-11. Doubles: J Holst-Christensen and T Lund (Den) bt Chen Hongyong and Chen Kang (China), 10-15, 15-2, 15-10. Women's singles: S Susanti (Indonesia) bt Bang Soo-hyun (S Kor), 4-11, 11-4, 11-1. Doubles: Chung So-young and Gil Young-ah (S Kor) bt Lin Yan Fen and Yao Fen (China), 5-15, 15-4, 15-7. Mixed doubles: Holst-Christensen and G Morgensen (Den) bt Lund and C Bengtsson (Swe), 8-1, retired.

BASKETBALL

CARLSBERG LEAGUE: Men: First division: Friday: Hemel Hempstead Royals 91, Guildford Kings 129. Saturday: Cheshire Jets 77, London Towers 98, Derby Bucks 86, Proton Manchester Giants 88; Stentofon Worthing Bears 103, Provincial Tours Oldham Celtics 93. Second division: Brixton Topcats 82, Crystal Palace 91, Solent Stars 80, Coventry Crusaders 73, Ware Rebels 107, Barnsley Generals 64. Third division: Chiltern Fastbreak 62, Swindon Sonics 52, Guildford 76, Mid Sussex Magic 63, Leicester Falcons 63, Liverpool Atac 49, Sedgefield Racers 84, Camberley Eagles 72, Sheffield Forgers 59, South London Elephants 61. Women: First division: Cheshire 51, Nottingham Wildcats 70, London Central YMCA 78, Leicester 69, Avesta Sheffield Hatters 60, Thames Valley Ladies 51. Second division: Sunderland 48, Cardiff 34.
NATIONAL ASSOCIATION (NBA): Friday: Dallas Mavericks 93, Philadelphia 76ers 87, Atlanta Hawks 121, Minnesota Timberwolves 103; Indiana Pacers 112, Charlotte Hornets 128, New Jersey Nets 99, Milwaukee Bucks 85, Chicago Bulls 104, Washington Bullets 99, Seattle SuperSonics 108, Utah Jazz 97, San Antonio Spurs 96, Orlando Magic 93, Phoenix Suns 127, Detroit Pistons 97, Portland Trail Blazers 106, Houston Rockets 98 (OT), Boston Celtics 129, Los Angeles Lakers 119, Golden State Warriors 113, Sacramento Kings 101. Saturday: Miami Heat 96, Cleveland Cavaliers 91; Chicago Bulls 126, Washington Bullets 101; Orlando Magic 114, Denver Nuggets 108; Milwaukee Bucks 112, Philadelphia 76ers 88; Los Angeles Clippers 107, Utah Jazz 100.

BOXING

SEOUL: WBA featherweight championship: Park Yung-kyun (S Kor) bt Thanomjit Kaitknengkrai (Thai), rsc 4th rnd.
BANGKOK: WBC flyweight championship: Yuri Arbachakov (Rus) bt Muangchai Kittikasem (Thai), rsc 9th rnd.
DUSSELDORF: IBF light-heavyweight championship: Henry Maske (Ger) bt Charles Williams (US), pts.

CANOEING

NOTTINGHAM: British slalom championships: Second round: Canadian singles (C1): 1, G Marriott (Nottingham), 154.01sec; 2, C Wilson (Kirkver), 161.52; 3, T Morgan (Desperate Measures), 164.16. Men's Kayak (K1M): 1, I Raspin (Tees Kayak Club), 131.42; 2, A Raspin (Tees Kayak Club), 133.93; 3, M Jones (Arrowcraft), 135.56. Canadian doubles (C2): 1, C Arrowsmith and P Brain (The Wimps), 171.28; 2, M Miller and S Pitt (Fourth Canoe Club), 180.71; 3, A Clough and I Clough (Lone Alpine), 183.08. Women's Kayak (K1W): 1, H Corrie (Manchester), 162.09; 2, L Simpson (Nottingham University), 163.99; 3, M Francis (Stafford), 167.21.

CRICKET

SHEFFIELD SHIELD: Final scores: Melbourne: New South Wales 182 and 351-8 dec, Victoria 258 and 217 (S O'Donnell 86, D Lehmann 84, W Holdsworth 7-52). New South Wales won by 58 runs. Adelaide: Western Australia 323-5 dec and 235-3 dec, South Australia 334-8 dec and 226-1 (G Blewett 112 not out). South Australia won by 9 wickets. Hobart: Queensland 290 and 210 (C Matthews 5-72). Tasmania 339 and 162-4 (D Hills 50). Tasmania won by six wickets. Final standings (after ten matches): 1, New South Wales 34pts; 2, Queensland, 26; 3, Tasmania, 22; 4, Western Australia, 21; 5, South Australia, 14; 6, Victoria, 12. New South Wales play Queensland in the Shield final.
BENSON AND HEDGES ONE-DAY CUP: Port Elizabeth: Western Province 207-7 (45 overs, A Lamb 62). Eastern Province 211-4 (44.1 over, D Callaghan 82 not out). Eastern Province won by six wickets. Verwoerdburg: Impalas 148-6 (45 overs). Northern Transvaal 149-1 (34 overs). Northern Transvaal won by nine wickets.

CYCLING

SAN REMO, Italy: Milan-San Remo race (297km): 1, M Fondriest (It), 7hr 25min 37sec; 2, L Gelfi (It), at 4sec; 3, M Scandri (It), at 8sec; 4, L Jalabert (Fr); 5, R Sorensen (Den); 6, G Furlan (It). Other results: 39, S Kelly (Ire), 1:24; 128, S Roche (Ire), 6:03; 180, S Yates (GB), 12:31.
WINDERMERE: Portholle grand prix (25.5m): 1, G Butler (RT Italia), 59min 21sec; 2, S Dangerfield (Leo RC), 1:00:32; 3, P Jennings (N Wirral Velo), 1:00:40. Team: N Wirral Velo-Kodak. Women: M Purvis (Manx Viking), 1:08.23. Veteran: A Lane (Team Mirage), 1:05:42. Junior: M Haynes (Horwich CC), 1:05:45.

GOLF

VILA SOL, Vilamoura: Portuguese Open: Leading final scores (GB and Ire unless stated): 275: D Gilford, 65, 68, 70, 74; J Berendt (Arg), 63, 71, 69, 72 (Gilford won play-off at first extra hole). 277: G J Brand, 68, 72, 70, 67; M James, 69, 73, 66, 69; F Nobilo (NZ), 66, 68, 72, 71. 278: M Poxon, 66, 70, 74, 68. 280: S Torrance, 70, 72, 70, 68; F Lindgren (Swe), 74, 68, 69, 71; R Willison 68, 69, 71, 72. 281: M A Jimenez (Sp), 72, 68, 68, 73. 282: E Romero (Arg), 67, 71, 71, 73; B Malley (US), 70, 66, 70, 76; J Parnevik (Swe), 64, 73, 67, 78. 283: M Roe, 70, 67, 76, 70; C Mason, 68, 73, 72, 70; J Rystrom (Swe), 71, 71, 70, 71; J Rivero (Sp), 72, 71, 69, 71; J McHenry, 71, 72, 68, 72; P Eales, 70, 69, 72, 72; S Richardson, 70, 71, 66, 76. 284: D Smyth, 71, 70, 74, 69; B Lane, 70, 73, 67, 74; J Robinson, 71, 64, 71, 78. 285: M Clayton (Aus), 73, 71, 73, 68; R Chapman, 75, 69, 73, 68; J Payne, 70, 74, 71, 70; M Farry (Fr), 73, 71, 71, 70; P Fulke (Swe), 72, 71, 71, 71; H Clark, 68, 75, 70, 72; J Sewell, 72, 68, 72, 73; B Marchbank, 69, 72, 71, 73. 286: J M Canizares (Sp), 72, 68, 76, 70. 287: R Rafferty, 67, 76, 72, 72; D Curry, 72, 72, 71, 72; M A Martin (Sp), 72, 72, 71, 72; A Oldcorn, 72, 70, 72, 73; O Karlsson (Swe), 69, 66, 77, 75; R Karlsson (Swe), 72, 71, 69, 75; S Tinning (Den), 70, 68, 73, 76. 288: J Robson, 74, 69, 73, 72; S Bowman (US), 75, 69, 72, 72; R Goosen (SA), 73, 70, 68, 77. 289: P Lawrie, 68, 74, 76, 71; S McAllister, 68, 75, 74, 72; P Teravainen (US), 71, 73, 73, 72; E Darcy, 71, 72, 70, 76.
HOYLAKE: University match: Oxford beat Cambridge, 8½-6½ (Oxford names first): S M Ritchie (Christ Church, captain) bt M R Ubdili (Pembroke, captain), 6 and 5; S R Seaman (Merton) lost to B S E Ingleby (Fitzwilliam), 4 and 3; R A Sanders (Merton) bt J Hudson (Christ's), 8 and 7; T J Etridge (St Catherine's) bt A J Murray (Jesus), 3 and 2; M S P Benka (LMH) bt S J Anthony (Queen's), 8 and 7; P J Hill (Exeter) bt W H D Moore (Darwin), 10 and 8; M B Jannaway (Brasenose) lost to J S Young (Churchill), 6 and 5; B R Payne (St Hugh's) lost to O H Turnbull (Clare Hall), 5 and 4; R S D Guest-Gornall (Keble) lost to F R McCorg (Jesus), 6 and 5; R D Marett (St Anne's) bt M M Williamson (Fitzwilliam), 5 and 4.
PHOENIX, Arizona: Women's tournament: Leading third-round scores (US unless stated): 205: P Sheehan, 70, 70, 65; D Coe-Jones, 69, 69, 67. 209: T Green, 73, 69, 67; P Rizzo, 69, 70, 70. 211: R Walton, 69, 73, 69; D Mochrie, 69, 72, 70; K Tschetter, 69, 71, 71; A Sorenstam, 73, 66, 72. 212: S Berning, 77, 68, 67. 213: J Inkster, 73, 71, 69; A Miller, 72, 71, 70.
VOLVO ORDER OF MERIT: 1, D Gilford (Eng), £132,727; 2, M James (Eng), £119,956.67; 3, F Nobilo (NZ), £97,982.50; 4, W Westner (SA), £96,140; 5, N Faldo (Eng), £95,325; 6, C Montgomerie (Scot), £86,573.74; 7, J Payne (Eng), £74,457; 8, E Romero (Arg), £68,097.43; 9, S Richardson (Eng), £65,826.91; 10, D W Basson (SA), £62,679.50; 11, G Brand Jr (Scot), £61,629.60; 12, A Oldcorn (Eng), £60,230; 13, S Ames (Trin), £53,572.50; 14, R Goosen (SA), £52,387.86; 15, J Spence (Eng), £50,355.

RUGBY LEAGUE

Stones Bitter championship
First division

BRADFORD 8 WARRINGTON 21
Bradford: Tries: Anderson. Goals: Hobbs (2).
Warrington: Tries: Kenyon, Mann, Rudd. Goals: Rudd (3). Dropped Goal: Shelford 2, G Mackey.

CASTLEFORD 36 HULL KR 18
Castleford: Tries: Ellis, Ford, Morrison, Nikau, Smith, Steadman. Goals: Crooks 6.
Hull KR: Tries: Hall 2, Liddiard. Goals: M Fletcher 3.

LEEDS 26 WAKEFIELD 26
Leeds: Tries: Irving (2), Doran, Fallon, Harley. Goals: Irving (3).
Wakefield: Tries: Price (2), Bagnall, Mason, Mosely. Goals: Wright (3).

LEIGH 11 WIDNES 14
Leigh: Tries: A Platt, D Ruane. Goals: A Platt. Dropped Goal: A Ruane.
Widnes: Tries: Devereux, P Hulme. Goals: Tyrer (3).

SALFORD 48 SHEFFIELD 12
Salford: Tries: Blease (3), Critchley (2), Birkett, Burgess, W Reid, Stazicker. Goals: Blakeley (6).
Sheffield: Tries: Farrell, Hughes. Goals: Aston, Jack.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Wigan	21	17	0	4	617	261	34
St Helens	22	17	0	5	521	294	34
Widnes	20	13	0	7	435	285	26
Leeds	21	10	2	9	491	402	22
Bradford	20	11	0	9	414	372	22
Halifax	21	11	0	10	441	418	22
Castleford	20	10	1	9	412	307	21
Warrington	21	10	1	10	396	322	21
Hull	23	9	0	14	315	475	18
Sheffield	22	9	0	13	347	520	18
Salford	22	9	0	13	413	595	18
Wakefield	22	7	2	13	348	461	16
Leigh	22	7	2	13	310	508	16
Hull KR	21	5	0	16	253	495	10

Second division

CARLISLE 16 HUDDERSFIELD 29
Carlisle: Tries: Brierleys, Papa, Williams. Goals: Bethwaite (2).
Huddersfield: Tries: Davis, Flanagan, Kerr, St Hilaire, Thomas. Goals: Hellewell 4. Dropped Goal: Flanagan.

FEATHERSTONE 60 BRAMLEY 0
Featherstone: Tries: Brett Daunt (3), Newlove (3), Simpson (2), Casey, Manning, Pearson. Goals: Pearson (8).

OLDHAM 20 L CRUSADERS 27
Oldham: Tries: Abram, G Christie, Gibson, Ranson. Goals: Devine (2).
London Crusaders: Tries: Buckley, Halafihi, King, Riley, Roskell. Goals: Smith (2), Fisher. Dropped Goal: Fisher.

ROCHDALE 14 SWINTON 25
Rochdale: Tries: Pachniuk (2), Calland. Goals: Gartland.
Swinton: Tries: Errington (2), Best, Welsby. Goals: Errington (4). Dropped Goal: Errington.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Featherstone	24	21	0	3	912	306	42
Oldham	23	17	0	6	623	395	34
Rochdale	24	13	0	11	505	501	26
Huddersfield	22	11	0	11	420	460	22
L Crusaders	24	10	1	13	452	499	21
Bramley	24	7	1	16	308	552	15
Carlisle	23	6	2	15	376	569	14
Swinton	24	7	0	17	342	562	14

Third division

BARROW 72 BLACKPOOL 6
Barrow: Tries: Carey (2), Jackson (2), J Wild (2), Eccles, Hadley, M Kavanagh, Rea, Robinson, Trainor. Goals: M Kavanagh 12.
Blackpool: Tries: Sankey. Goals: Rippon.

DEWSBURY 39 DONCASTER 16
Dewsbury: Tries: Coughlan (2), Rogers (2), Delaney, Rombo, Shuttleworth. Goals: Pearce (5). Dropped Goal: Shuttleworth.
Doncaster: Tries: Green (2). Goals: Sims (4).

HIGHFIELD 18 CHORLEY 8
Highfield: Tries: S Barrow, Dean. Goals: C Johnson (4). Dropped Goal: C Johnson (2).
Chorley: Tries: Painter. Goals: Smith (2).

HUNSLET 11 WORKINGTON 34
Hunslet: Tries: R Sampson. Goals: Precious (3). Dropped Goal: Precious.
Workington: Tries: Lowdon (4), Kay, Kitchen. Goals: Marwood (5).

NOTTINGHAM C 7 WHITEHAVEN 40
Nottingham City: Tries: Idle. Goals: Tony Chappell. Dropped Goal: Tony Chappell.
Whitehaven: Tries: Beckwith (3), Fisher, Friend, Gribbin, Routledge, Ryan. Goals: Maguire (4).

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Keighley	20	17	0	3	776	226	34
Workington	21	16	0	5	713	210	32
Whitehaven	21	16	0	5	670	244	32
Dewsbury	21	15	0	6	555	274	30
Ryedale York	20	14	0	6	639	288	28
Batley	20	14	0	6	432	192	28
Hunslet	19	14	0	5	485	315	28
Doncaster	22	14	0	8	528	385	28
Barrow	23	5	0	18	468	611	10
Blackpool	21	4	0	17	285	793	8
Chorley	22	3	0	19	242	753	6
Highfield	20	3	0	17	230	871	6
Nottingham C	22	1	0	21	155	1036	2

WINFIELD CUP: Eastern Suburbs 10, North Sydney 10; Cronulla 0, Parramatta 14; St George 14, Balmain 6; Manly 30, South Sydney 10; Newcastle 18, Western Suburbs 9; Gold Coast 4, Illawarra 5; Canterbury-Bankstown 20, Brisbane 10; Canberra 18, Penrith 8.

ICE HOCKEY

HEINEKEN LEAGUE: Premier division: Saturday: Billingham Bombers 9, Humberside Seahawks 7; Fife Flyers 2, Cardiff Devils 7; Nottingham Panthers 7, Norwich and Peterborough Pirates 6; Whitley Warriors 7, Bracknell Bees 6. First division: Saturday: Slough Jets 9, Basingstoke Beavers 8; Sheffield Steelers 12, Swindon Wildcats 5; Telford Tigers 7, Milton Keynes Kings 4.
NATIONAL LEAGUE (NHL): Friday: New York Rangers 8, San Jose Sharks 1; Washington Capitals 5, Hartford Whalers 2. Saturday: Detroit Red Wings 7, Boston Bruins 4; Buffalo Sabres 3, Tampa Bay Lightning 1; Quebec Nordiques 5, New Jersey Devils 1; Pittsburgh Penguins 9, Philadelphia Flyers 3; Montreal Canadiens 6, Chicago Blackhawks 2; Toronto Maple Leafs 4, Edmonton Oilers 2; New York Islanders 7, Vancouver Canucks 2; Los Angeles Kings 3, St Louis Blues 2.

HANDBALL

STOCKHOLM: World championships: Final: Russia 28, France 19. Third place play-off: Sweden 26, Switzerland 19.

HOCKEY

MEN'S COUNTY MATCH: Kent 1, Yorkshire 2.
WOMEN'S COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP: North: Humberside 1, Durham 4; Yorkshire 2, Northumberland 1; Sheffield League 0, Cheshire 3; Lancashire Central League 0, Cumbria 0; Lancashire 8, Manchester League 0; Cheshire 2, LCL 1; Sheffield 1, Cumbria 1.

MOTOR RALLYING

VAUXHALL RALLY OF WALES (all GB): 1, R Burns, Subaru Legacy, 145min 23sec; 2, A McRae, Subaru Legacy, 149:00; 3, S Finlay, Ford Sierra, 151.35; 4, G Evans, Ford Escort, 154:03; 5, M Wilson, Ford Escort, 155:32; 6, D Llewellin, Vauxhall Astra GSi, 157:53. Formula 2: 1, Llewellin; 2, M Higgins, Vauxhall Astra GSi, 163.05; 3, S Bennett, Peugeot 205 GTi, 164:55.

REAL TENNIS

QUEEN'S CLUB: British amateur championship: Semi-finals: J Snow bt P Luck-Hille, 6-0, 6-0, 6-0; N Pendrigh bt M Howard, 6-4, 6-3, 6-5. Final: Snow bt Pendrigh, 6-5, 6-0, 6-2.

ROWING

HEAD OF THE RIVER (Mortlake to Putney): 1, Munster von 1882 (Germany), 17min 02.31sec; 2, Molesey I, 17:10 10 (Page Trophy); 3, Leander I, 17:16.25; 4, London University I, 17:22 10 (Vernon Trophy); 5, Nottingham County I, 17:23 09; 6, London I, 17.35 54; 7, Imperial College I, 17:36 49 (Senior 1 and Ortner Shield); 8, Nottingham County II, 17.38 81; 9, Tideway Scullers I, 17:42 30; 10, Muelheim RRG (Germany), 17:42.67; 11, Isis, 17.52.07; 12, Berliner RG Wiking (Germany), 17:52.55; 13, Cambridge 99, 17.53 06 (Jackson Trophy); 14, London University II, 17:54 72; 15, Agecroft I, 17:54 78; 16, Thames I, 17 56 38; 17, Molesey II, 17:56 71; 18, London III, 17:57.26; 19, London II, 17 57 72; 20, Bedford I, 17:57 84. Other division winners: Senior 2: Imperial College III, 18 09.26. Senior 3: Kingston Grammar, 18 12 57. Novice: Angaria Hannover II (Germany), 19 09 08. University Trophy: Bristol II, 18:24 85. Services Trophy: RAF I, 19 03 75.
HENLEY: Women's Boat Race: Cambridge bt Oxford, 4½ lengths, 6min 10sec. Reserve race: Blondie bt Osiris, 1¼ lengths, 6:22. Men's lightweight Boat Race: Cambridge bt Oxford, ½ length, 5:39. Women's lightweight Boat Race: Cambridge bt Oxford, easily, 6:18.

TENNIS

CASABLANCA: Men's tournament: Semi-finals: Y El Aynaoui (Mor) bt H Skoff (Austria), 7-5, 6-4; G Perez-Roldan (Arg) bt G Schaller (Austria), 7-6, 0-6, 7-6. Final: Perez-Roldan bt El Aynaoui, 6-4, 6-3.
KEY BISCAYNE, Florida: Lipton championships: Men's singles: Quarter-finals: P Korda (Cz) bt S Edberg (Swe), 7-6, 7-6; M Ondruska (SA) bt M Woodforde (Aus), 6-4, 6-2; P Sampras (US) bt R Krajicek (Holl), 6-3, 7-6; M Washington (US) bt P McEnroe (US), 6-1, 7-6. Semi-finals: Sampras bt Korda, 6-3, 2-6, 6-2; Washington bt Ondruska, 2-6, 6-4, 7-6. Women's singles: Semi-finals: S Graf (Ger) bt G Sabatini (Arg), 6-0, 6-2; A Sánchez Vicario (Sp) bt K Date (Japan), 6-2, 6-1. Final: Sánchez Vicario bt Graf, 6-4, 3-6, 6-3.
BISHAM ABBEY: Junior tournament (GB unless stated): Boys: Quarter-finals: T Spinks bt M Coombs, 6-3, 3-6, 6-1; T Larsen (Den) bt L Milligan, 5-7, 6-2, 6-3; L Sabin bt M Ingham, 7-6, 6-2; P Martin bt J Hind, 6-1, 6-4. Semi-finals: Larsen bt Spinks, 7-6, 3-6, 6-4; Martin bt Sabin, 6-2, 6-2. Final: Martin bt Larsen, 6-4, 6-4. Girls: Quarter-finals: I Wyatt bt J Fitzgerald, 6-3, 4-6, 6-4; Z Mallis bt T Croson, 6-3, 6-4; E Roubanova bt M Motte (Bel), 6-1, 6-1; L Fletcher bt K Webster, 7-5, 6-4. Semi-finals: Mallis bt Wyatt, 6-0, 4-6, 7-6; Roubanova bt Fletcher, 6-2, 6-1. Final: Roubanova bt Mallis, 6-4, 7-6.

RUGBY UNION

Five nations championship

France 26 Wales 10
France: Tries: Benetton (2), Lafond. Cons: Lafond. Pens: Lacroix 3.
Wales: Tries: Walker. Cons: N Jenkins. Pens: N Jenkins.

Ireland 17 England 3
Ireland: Tries: Galwey. Pens: Elwood (2). Dropped Goals: Elwood (2).
England: Pens: Webb.

A international

Scotland A 19 France A 29
Scotland A: Tries: Logan. Cons: Donaldson. Pens: Donaldson (4).
France A: Tries: Bertrank (2), Arbo, Galthie, Larran. Cons: Bellot, Labit.

Club matches

Berry Hill	16	Clifton	21
Exeter	21	Camborne	6
Harlequins	54	Coventry	18
Harrogate	28	Broughton Park	20
Hawick	0	Sale	21
Jed-Forest	63	Peebles	17
Kirkcaldy	32	Clarkston	7
Leeds	15	Morley	28
London Welsh	20	Llanharan	18
Orrell	31	Saracens	3
Richmond	57	Lincs (Arg)	29
Rosslyn Park	31	Blackheath	18
Stewarts Mel FP	24	Melrose	27
Stourbridge	28	Weston-s-Mare	8
Wakefield	49	Gala	31
Waterloo	31	Sheffield	10
Watsonians	10	West of Scotland	39
West Hartlepool	55	Boroughmuir	15
Currie	49	Kilmarnock	0
Edinburgh Ac	11	Stirling County	11
Heriots FP	10	Glasgow High	38

COURAGE CLUBS CHAMPIONSHIP: South West: First division: Brixham 19, Maidenhead 6; Cheltenham 22, St Ives 15; Cinderford 20, Newbury 22; Gordon League 10, Reading 45; Henley 46, Torquay 6; Sherborne 15, Penryn 7.
CUMBRIA CUP: Semi-final: Aspatria 26, Kendal 7, Wigton 14, Cockermouth 3.
DURHAM CUP: Semi-finals: Hartlepool Rovers 62, Gateshead Fell 0; Stockton 46, Durham City 10.
NORTH MIDLANDS CUP: Hereford 0, Birmingham and Solihull 35.
NOTTS, LINCS AND DERBY CUP: Semi-finals: Derby 11, Chesterfield 6; Paviours 0, Scunthorpe 12.
McEWANS SCOTTISH LEAGUE: Third division: Corstorphine 13, Hutchesons Aloysians 31; Perthshire 48, St Boswells 7; Biggar 29, Royal High 6; Morgan Academy FP 0, Gordonians 29. Fourth division: East Kilbride 28, Trinity Academicals 5; Livingston 14, Linlithgow 13; Alloa 52, Cambuslang 0.

TOUR MATCH (in Ballymore, Australia): Queensland 12, Western Province (SA) 12.

SKIING

KLOEVSJOE, Sweden: Women's World Cup giant slalom: 1, K Seizinger (Ger), 2min 2.71sec; 2, H Zeller (Switz), 2:02.82; 3, C Merle (Fr), 2:03.09; 4, L Magoni (It), 2:03.18; 5, S Panzanini (It), 2:03.32; 6, C Gedda Dahl (Nor), 2:03.38. Leading overall standings: 1, A Wachter (Austria), 1,166pts; 2, K Seizinger (Ger), 1,116; 3, C Merle (Fr), 946; 4, M Vogt (Ger), 665; 5, U Maier (Austria), 569; 6, M Ertl (Ger), 555. Leading giant slalom standings: 1, Merle, 390; 2, Wachter, 336; 3, Ertl, 252; 4, Maier, 223; 5, Panzanini, 208; 6, Zeller, 200. Leading women's Nations Cup standings: 1, Austria, 4,818pts; 2, Germany, 4,054; 3, Switzerland, 2,416; 4, France, 2,048; 5, Italy, 1,802.
KVITFJELL, Norway: Men's World Cup downhill: 1, A Assinger (Austria), 1min 43.13sec; 2, W Perathoner (It), at 0.08sec; 3, H Trinkl (Austria), 0.13; 4, W Besse (Switz), 0.41; 5, K A Aamodt (Nor), 0.61; 6, M Girardelli (Lux), 0.81. British: 48, G Bell, at 3.15; 52, M Bell, at 3.71; did not finish, R Walker. Men's World Cup super-giant slalom: 1, K A Aamodt (Nor), 1min 31.59sec; 2, D Mahrer (Switz), 1:31.79; 3, D Thoeni (Austria), 1:32.00; 4, P Jaerbyn (Swe), 1:32.30; 5, L Colturi (It), 1:32.31; 6, C Mullen (Can), 1:32.34. Leading overall standings: 1, Girardelli, 1,253pts; 2, Aamodt, 957; 3, F Heinzer (Switz), 768; 4, G Mader (Austria), 718; 5, A Tomba (It), 692; 6, A Skaardal, 58. Leading downhill standings: 1, Heinzer, 527; 2, Skaardal, 427; 3, Besse, 388; 4, Assinger, 360; 5, Mahrer, 343; 6, Girardelli, 331. Leading super-giant slalom standings: 1, Aamodt, 320; 2, J E Thorsen (Nor), 270; 3, Heinzer, 241; 4, Mader, 227; 5, Girardelli, 200.

SNOOKER

BANGKOK: Nescafé Asian Open: Final: D Harold (Eng) bt D Morgan (Wales), 9-3.

SQUASH

VALE DO LOBO, Portuguese Open, semi-finals: R Eyles (Aus) bt Jansher Khan (Pak), 12-15, 8-15, 15-9, 17-16, 15-11; P Marshall (Eng) bt R Norman (NZ), 15-8, 15-4, 15-4. Final: Marshall bt Eyles, 15-9, 15-3, 15-3.
PIMM'S PREMIER LEAGUE: First division: Leekes Wizards 1, Lingfield 3.

VOLLEYBALL

ROYAL BANK OF SCOTLAND NATIONAL LEAGUE: Men: First division: Saturday: Polonia Ealing 3, Wessex 2; Speedwell Rucanor 0, KLEA Leeds 3; Newcastle Staffs 2, Reebok Liverpool 3; Mizuno Malory Lewisham 3, Tooting Aquila 0. Sunday: Newcastle Staffs 1, KLEA Leeds 3; Mizuno Malory Lewisham 3, Polonia Ealing 0. Women: Saturday: Britannia Music Hackney 2, Sale 3. Sunday: Woolwich Brixton 3, Dynamo London 0; Wessex 1, Ashcombe Dorking 3; KLEA Leeds 3, London Lynx 0.

RESULTS FROM SATURDAY'S 12 POINT-TO-POINT MEETINGS

CHESHIRE (Alpraham): Hunt: 1, Oakley House (W Barlow, 6-4 fav), 2, Lindsey Dowie, 3, Highwayside 8 ran. B M W Confined: 1, Scally Muire (A Crow, 4-5 fav), 2, Rhu Na Haven, 3, Royal Cracker 4 ran. Rest I: 1, Dreaming Star (R Jones, 3-1), 2, Mordrum Prince, 3, Glowing Dawn 5 ran. Rest II: 1, The Artful Rascal (W Barlow, 2-1 jt-fav), 2, Arthur's Rascal, 3, Stafford Pam 13 ran. Ladies: 1, Renard Quay (Miss C Wilberforce, 1-2 fav), 2, Valorroso, 3, Shanbally Boy 8 ran. Open: 1, Equity Player (A Crow, 2-9 fav), 2, My Nominee, 3, Mickley Secretlove 7 ran. Open Mdn I: 1, Miss Muire (C Barlow, 20-1), 2, Mister Hochberg, 3, Mystic Mariner 9 ran. Open Mdn II: 1, Whatagale (S Hope, 5-4 fav), 2, Sassy Bonne, 3, Moya's Tip Top 8 ran.

CUMBERLAND FARMERS (Dalston): Hunt: 1, Hunting Country (Mrs M Kendall, 5-4 fav), 2, Jason Cole, 3, Corner Forward 7 ran. Confined: 1, Barney Rubble (G Robinson, 4-5 fav), 2, Sharp Opinion, 3, Gale Storm 8 ran. Ladies: 1, Against (Mrs C McClymont, 2-5 fav), 2, Goodfellow's Folly, 3, Action Packed 13 ran. John Peel Open: 1, Andrew (J Dun, 4-1), 2, Harley, 3, Laodor 5 ran. PPOA: 1, Mirandinha (P Craggs, 4-1), 2, Gaelic Empress, 3, Tweed Valley 7 ran. Rest I: 1, Gercail (G Robertson, 6-4 fav), 2, Royella, 3, Poseidonia 14 ran. Rest II: 1, Queen's Chaplain (C Wilson, 9-4), 2, Furry Venture, 3, Duncans Dream 17 ran. Mdn I: 1, Border Folly (A Parker, 5-1), 2, Course-I-Can, 3, Little Greyside 17 ran. Mdn II: 1, The Right Guy (N Wilson, 6-4 fav), 2, Charter Fair, 3, Jumbo For Jimmy 15 ran. Mdn III: 1, Springhill Spirit (A Parker, Evens fav), 2, Royalist, 3, Boysterous Boy 17 ran.

WEST STREET-TICKHAM (Detling): Hunt: 1, Northern Saint (T Hills, 5-4 fav), 2, Newtown Boy, 3, Marrella 3 ran. Confined: 1, Profligate (A Hickman, 4-1), 2, Michnif, 3, Cox Creek 9 ran. Ladies: 1, Liberty Square (Mrs E Coveney, 9-4 fav), 2, Bright Hour, 3, Mountacp 9 ran. Open: 1, Discain Boy (A Welch, 5-1), 2, Kristenson, 3 ran (only two finished). Rest: 1, Bally Murphy Boy (C Newport, 15-8 fav), 2, Penphemos, 3, Rusty Rails 8 ran. Mdn I: 1, Prince Rua (A Welsh, 5-1), 2, Candy Lane, 3, Second Time Round 5 ran. Mdn II: 1, Aladan (Miss S Belcher, 9-4 fav), 2, Wendy Jane, 3, Press Caption 11 ran.

ROSS HARRIERS (Garnons): Hunt: 1, Nodcotte (A Dalton, 11-8) (finished alone) 2 ran. Confined: 1, More Action (Miss A Dare, 8-15 fav), 2, Another Miracle, 3, Downsview Lady 10 ran. Open: 1, Shuttlecock Star (A Price, 5-1), 2, Salcombe Harbour, 3, Silks Domino 4 ran. Mdn I: 1, Zalma (Julian Pritchard, 7-4 fav), 2, Sholwor, 3, Kettles 7 ran. Mdn II: 1, Double Handful (Miss A Dare, 9-4), 2, Plax, 3, Dercal's Boy 11 ran. Intermediate: 1, Pancoun (T Stephenson, 4-1), 2, Kellys Pal, 3, Royal Warden 8 ran. Ladies: 1, Le Kingdom (Miss A Dare, 1-3 fav), 2, Star Oats, 3, Pikoman 8 ran. Rest I: 1, Epdeny (G Barfoot-Saunt, 7-4 fav), 2, The Glazer, 3, Marchlessly 4 ran. Rest II: 1, Reed (W Bryan, 9-2), 2, Royal Owendo, 3, Celtic William 10 ran.

CAMBRIDGESHIRE (Horseheath): Hunt: 1, Royal Riot (Miss N Bothway, 2-5 fav), 2, Murkeloon 2 ran (only two finished). PPOA: 1, Melton Park (N Bloom, 4-5 fav), 2, Killelan Lad, 3, Lord Fawsley, 6 ran. Confined: 1, Takeover Bid (T Moore, 9-2), 2, Royal Raga, 3, Stogsman 8 ran. Open: 1, On Why (N Bloom, 7-1), 2, True Bloom, 3, Roars Of Applause 5 ran. Ladies: 1, Royal Sting (Miss Z Turner, 4-6 fav), 2, Master Treasure, 3, Megadyne, 3 ran. Rest: 1, Whistling Eddy (T Moore, 16-1), 2, Dovedons Grace, 3, Gale Force Ten 7 ran. Open Mdn I: 1, Pelota (N King, 2-1), 2, Kellys Bar 3 ran (only 2 finished). Open Mdn II: 1, Berkano Run (Miss Z Turner, 9-4), 2, Couture Quality 8 ran (only two finished).

NEW FOREST BUCKHOUNDS (Larkhill): Hunt: 1, Spanish Accent (J Dufosee, 9-2), 2, Al-Khalda, 3, Commanche Brave, 5 ran. Mdn: 1, Columcille (M Miller, 6-1), 2, Rempstone, 4 ran (only 2 finished). Ladies: 1, Straight Bat (Miss S Sadler, 8-11 fav), 2, Aughnaliam 5 ran (only 2 finished). Open: 1, Storybook (J Hankinson) (walked over). Confined: 1, Winnie Lorraine (M Miller, 4-11 fav), 2, See You There, 3, Elegant Sun 3 ran. Rest I: 1, Synderborough Lad (M Felton, 5-4 fav), 2, Captain Jim, 3, New Ghost 6 ran. Rest II: 1, Ellanno (M Portman, 16-1), 2, Winter's Lane, 3, Standaway 7 ran.

CARMARTHENSHIRE (Lydstep): Hunt: 1, Press For Action (D Jones, 1-2 fav), 2, Fyrna Warrior, 3, Philipponnat, 5 ran. Confined: 1, Jack Sound (J Jukes, Evens fav), 2, Majestic Buck, 3, Random Push 12 ran. Ladies: 1, Handsome Harvey (Mrs P Nash, 3-1), 2, Brown Rifle, 3, Robin Of Sherwood 8 ran. Open: 1, Brunico (R Treloggen, 2-5 fav), 2, Darcy Miller, 3, Fast Freeze 6 ran. Rest I: 1, Gallic Bello (G Hughes, 11-4 fav), 2, Lucky Rose, 3, Ballyalla Boy 11 ran. Rest II: 1, Lucky Ole Son (P Hamer, 11-4), 2, Wolver's Pet, 3, Landsker Alfred, 7 ran. Mdn I: 1, Corby Crown (D S Jones, 4-5 fav), 2, Mo's Chorister, 3, Tricky Dex 10 ran. Mdn II: 1, Medieval Queen (K Cousins, 6-4 jt-fav), 2, Delight's Daughter, 3, Origami 10 ran. Mdn III: 1, Hill Royale (P Williams, 3-1), 2, General Hinton, 3, Doubting Donna 11 ran.

SOUTH WOLD (Market Rasen Point-To-Point): Hunt: 1, Matnic (D Ingle, 1-3 fav), 2, Tender Tilly 3 ran (only two finished). Confined: 1, Teacake (H Nicholson, Evens fav), 2, Oxford Place, 3, Teucer 9 ran. Ladies: 1, Rogers Cross (Miss J Wormall, 7-1), 2, Rogerciess, 3, Deputy Governor 6 ran. Land Rover Open: 1, Local Customer (B Leavy, 5-1), 2, Cawkwell Tom, 3, Good Waters 10 ran. Rest: 1, Northern Walk (G Turnbull, 7-2), 2, Gold Valley, 3, Corrizan 8 ran. Mdn: 1, Zeniska (A Rebori, 1-2 fav), 2, Sea Sky, 3, Prince Of Babylon 10 ran.

DART VALE & HALDON HARRIERS (Ottery St Mary): Hunt: 1, Buckpak (I Dowrick, 9-4), 2, Duke Of Abson (NZ), 3, Suez 6 ran. Intermediate: 1, Sweet Oh Willie (Miss M Turner, 7-2), 2, Vintage Velvet, 3, Royal Voyager 12 ran. Confined: 1, Persian Style (W G Turner, 9-4), 2, Roving Glen, 3, Ugham Close 6 ran. Mixed Open: 1, Ash Jim Boy (J Sprake, 6-1), 2, Kings Alderman, 3, Yahoo 8 ran. Rest: 1, Electress (W G Turner, 5-2 fav), 2, Mr Sunnyside, 3, Treevar 14 ran. Mdn: 1, Walk In The Woods (Miss M Turner, 3-1), 2, Brynhill Alert, 3, Our Bay Boy 11 ran.

STAFF COLLEGE & RMA DRAG (Tweseldown): Hunt: 1, Always Talking (T Smith, 2-1 fav), 2, Gilt Image, 3, Poodle Rump 6 ran. Ladies: 1, Preedi (Miss M Hill, 1-5 fav), 2, Mr Mouse, 3, Helovaslate, 3 ran. B M W Confined: 1, Comage (G Johnson Houghton, 7-2), 2, Quality Town 3 ran (only two finished). Open: 1, The Eager Lout (N Bonstead, 4-5 fav), 2, Jocy's Boy 3 ran (only two finished). Open Mdn I: 1, Fast Run (C Coyne, 3-1 fav), 2, Seawards Folly, 3, D'You Mind 6 ran. Restricted: 1, Mr Pirey (A Tutton, 7-1), 2, Rocky Toffee Apple, 3, Broken Free 4 ran. Open Mdn II: 1, Summer Saga (M Batters, 6-4 fav), 2, Fourseas, 3, Prince Kesar 7 ran.

QUANTOCK STAGHOUNDS (Wiltsford): Hunt: 1, Searzy (H Fowsel, Evens fav), 2, Blackane Beach, 3, Paddy's Express 5 ran. Ladies: 1, Fell Mist (Miss C March, Evens fav), 2, Czermic, 3, Treble Chance 8 ran. Land Rover Open: 1, Busteelo (T Mitchell, 5-4), 2, Strong Bond, 3, Knowsdance 3 ran. Confined: 1, Skipping Gale (J Farthing, 3-1), 2, Thrales, 3, Balladieforoge 10 ran. PPOA: 1, Clarvon Jack (J Farthing, 2-1 fav), 2, Gods Fox, only 2 finished 6 ran. Mdn I: 1, Henley Wood (Miss P Curling, 4-5 fav), 2, Bickfield Approach, 3, President's Puppet 9 ran. Mdn II: 1, Taltazaro (Miss P Curling, 9-4 jt-fav), 2, Pamela's Lad, 3, Gladys Emmanuel 8 ran.

BRAMHAM MOOR (Wetherby Point Course): Hunt: 1, Cot Lane (R Wamsley, 4-5 fav), 2, Certain Beat 4 ran (only two finished). Confined: 1, Brown Baie (J Simon, 50-1), 2, Night Visitor, 3, Jack Dwyer 16 ran. Ladies: 1, Watmgo (Miss R Clark, 2-1), 2, Irish Red, 3, Across The Lake 3 ran. Open: 1, Mahona (D Coates, 7-1), 2, Colmany, 3, Selhopac 10 ran. Rest: 1, Charmers Wish (T F Smith, 6-1), 2, Smart Pal, 3, Roberts Choice 13 ran. Mdn: 1, Ubu Val (W Bethell, 7-4 fav), 2, Stonewall Boy, 3, Another Fiel 8 ran.

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7.30 unless stated

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Scotland v Iceland (1.30, at Kilmarnock FC)

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Middlesbrough v Oldham (7.45)

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BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE: Premier division: Hednesford v Gloucester.
PONTINS LEAGUE: First division: Leicester v Nottm Forest (7.0).
NEVILLE OVENDEN COMBINATION LEAGUE: First division: Brighton v Southampton (7.15); Wimbledon v Crystal Palace. Second division: Cheltenham v Yeovil.
NORTHERN COUNTIES EAST LEAGUE: Premier division: Sheffield v Denaby Utd.
HFS LOANS LEAGUE: First division: Ashton Utd v Curzon Ashton; Guiseley v Harrogate Town.

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Injured jockeys struggling to be fit for Grand National

Maguire in line for Romany King

By Alan Lee

THE heartache, which annually accompanies the romance of the Grand National, has already begun. Last year's winner and runner-up could both be ridden by different jockeys at Aintree on Saturday week as Carl Llewellyn and Richard Guest struggle to prove their fitness.

Llewellyn, who broke his collarbone at Cheltenham last Wednesday, will be given until the lastest possible moment to claim his ride on Nick Gaselee's *Party Politics*, who is among the favourites to win again. But Guest has only 24 hours to convince himself, and trainer Toby Balding, that he should resume his partnership with Romany King.

RICHARD EVANS

Nap: Clever Shepherd (3.05 Plumpton)
Next best: Sheep Stealer (2.45 Newcastle)

Guest broke his leg in early January and, although he has insisted ever since that he would be back for the National, he now accepts that time is running out. Yesterday, Balding confirmed that Adrian Maguire would switch from Cool Ground, who will not run if the National course is fast, unless Guest resumes race-riding this week.

Dave Roberts, who is agent for Guest and Maguire, explained: "Richard still tells me he thinks he can make it but, realistically, he has to be race-riding by this weekend to have a chance." Balding plans to make a decision tomorrow.

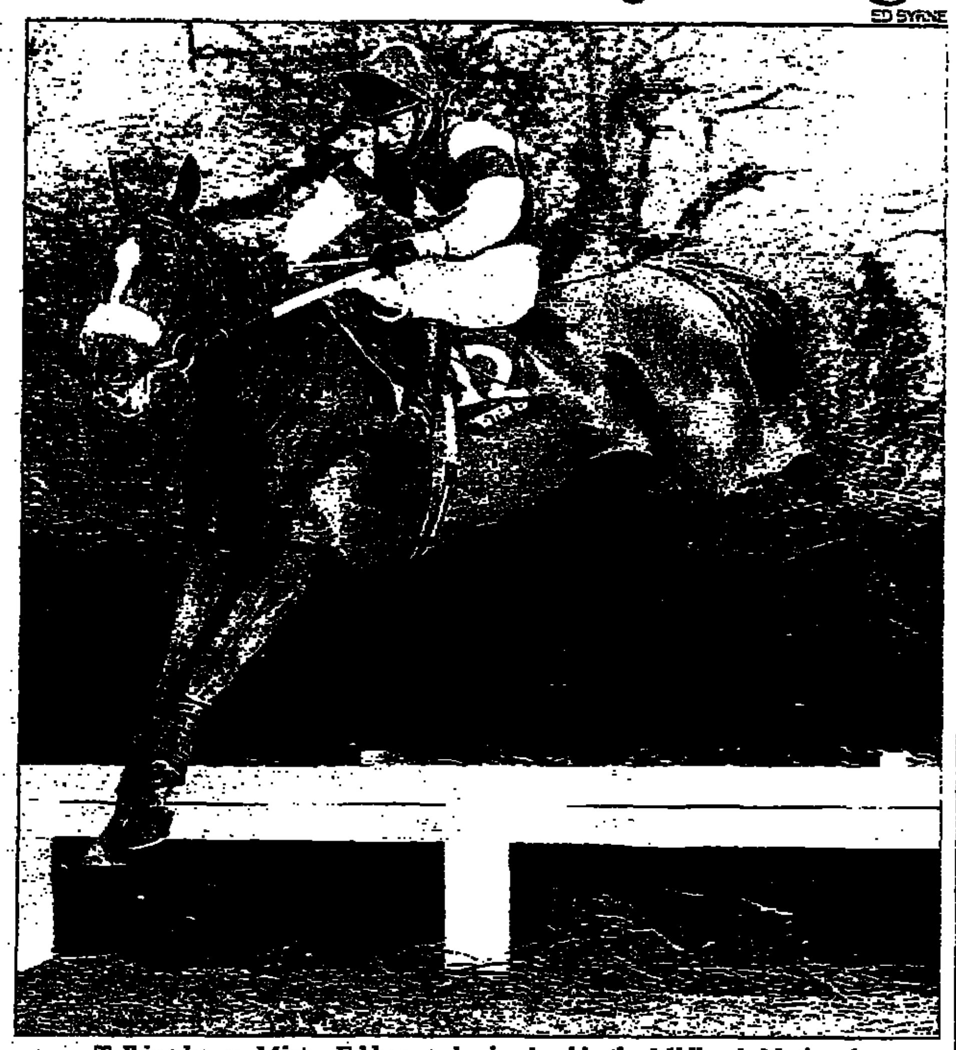
So Maguire, who won last year's Cheltenham Gold Cup on Cool Ground in his first full season riding in England, may now have an enviable chance to complete the big-race double. Peter Scudamore, who has been riding with distinction for much longer but has never won either race, could have another sensitive late decision to make regarding his National mount.

Of the eight horses which Martin Pipe has left in the National, Scudamore's choice is the dour stayer Riverside Boy, on whom the champion collected a whip offence suspension when winning at Taunton recently. But do not be surprised if Scudamore is aboard Captain Dibble for his friend and neighbour, Nigel Twiston-Davies.

The indomitable optimism which marks out National Hunt folk was in striking evidence at Uttoxeter on Saturday, when Surrey trainer Roger Curtis was daydreaming of Aintree after his ten-year-old, Mister Ed, had run away with the Midlands National by 15 lengths.

"He will run well if he beats the cut for the National," Curtis said. "He only needs 24 to come out." Curtis's arithmetic was slightly awry, the required eliminations actually being 23, but Ladbrokes were sufficiently sanguine to trim his odds only as far as 66-1.

More Liverpool news concerns Josh Gifford's stable stars, Bradbury Star and Deep Sensation, who experienced contrasting fortunes at Cheltenham last week. Gifford has yet to locate the exact cause of the slight lameness which ruled Bradbury Star out of the Gold Cup after he had been backed down from 50-1 to 20-1 on the morning of the race.



ED BYRNE

Talking horse: Mister Ed has a winning lead in the Midlands National

"It is very slight and we could have taken a chance," Gifford said. "But he is too good to take risks with. I hope I will have him right to run at Aintree, because he won there last year."

Deep Sensation, the surprise winner of the Queen Mother Champion Chase, is also bound for the National meeting and has a choice of engagements. However, Gifford will be tempted by the Martell Chase on the final day in which his horse is set to *receive 29lb and 27lb respectively from Katabatic and Wa*terloo Boy, whom he beat at level weights at Cheltenham.

Everyone in racing will be relieved that the jockey, David Tegg, has come through the brain surgery he underwent in Birmingham on Friday. His *condition is "serious but* stable".

Dare gives exhibition on Double Handfull

Point-to-point
By Brian Beel

TRAINER Dick Baimbridge and rider Alison Dare demonstrated their skills once more when Double Handfull won the second division of the maiden race at the Ross Harriers point-to-point on Saturday. In her races last season, Double Handful behaved more like a fractious child, refusing to race on her final two outings.

Moved to Baimbridge's yard she now starts, but few *other than Dare would have* got her round, never mind win. At every fence he jumped violently left, yet she drove him into lead from *the second-last fence and* held on to a two lengths advantage at the line.

Double Handfull was the second of three winners for Dare, whose total of 11 winners this term puts her one clear of Joanne Cumings.

Michael Miller, after his success on Mr Murdock in The Times qualifer at Lingfield on Friday, opened his seasonal point-to-point *account at Larkhill* with a double on Columcille in the maiden and Winnie Lorraine in the confined.

At the West Street-Tickham, Adam Welch nursed the 5-1 outsider of three Discain Boy to win the four-mile "Kent Grand National" and followed up with an enterprising ride on Prince Rua, winner of the first division of the maiden.

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Silver Wisp returns in Doncaster Mile

SILVER Wisp, third to Dr *Devious in last year's Derby*, was yesterday confirmed as a runner in the Doncaster Mile, which marks the opening of the turf Flat season on Thursday. Geoff Lewis, his trainer, said: "Silver Wisp is in great shape and definitely runs. Pat Eddery rides."

Fifteen have been entered for the £15,000-added contest, including the much-improved Mellottie and the Hungerford Stakes winner Mojave. Silver Wisp and Mellottie are being prepared for the £405,000 Hong Kong International Cup at Sha Tin on April 18.

Mellottie's trainer Mary Reveley said: "We definitely plan to go to Doncaster but with Mellottie going to Hong Kong he may well need the *race. The owners were keen to* have a go in Hong Kong and he's a calm horse, so the travelling shouldn't be a problem."

Mellottie and *Silver Wisp* join the French-trained Urban Sea in a three-strong European challenge for the Hong Kong race, which is run over one mile and a furlong.

On Saturday, the Saltburn-based trainer fields the strongly-fancied Amazing Feat in the William Hill Lincoln. A winner of his last two races last season, the four-year-old is the sponsor's 10-1 joint favourite with Millsolin and Mizaaya.

However, Mrs Reveley admitted that she was concerned about the *likelihood* of fast going. "The horse is fine and I think he will go on firm ground, but I would like it to rain before the race," she said.

The advance going at Doncaster is good to firm and the course will be watered today and tomorrow to prevent it becoming firm.

Lewis expects a bold showing from Loki, who was cut to 14-1, from 20-1, by William Hill. Hills also reported *support for Roseate Lodge and* make him 16-1 from 25-1.

☐ Mary Reveley has pencilled in Cab On Target for the Bollinger Champagne Novices' Chase at Ascot on Wednesday week. "We will go there unless the ground is too firm, otherwise we might think about switching to Aintree," Mrs Reveley said.

Classical Charm dies

CLASSICAL Charm, Ireland's leading two-mile chaser, was put down after falling at Navan on Saturday (Our *Irish Racing Correspondent* writes). Carrying top weight of 12 stone in the Proudstown Park Handicap Chase, the front-running ten-year-old fell at the third-last fence and broke a shoulder.

Before going chasing, Classical Charm won the Irish Champion Hurdle at Leopardstown and was second to Celtic Shot in the 1988 Champion Hurdle. Little more than a month after Young Pokey *had won last year's Arkle* Trophy at Cheltenham, Classical Charm had shown his brilliance by beating him by a distance at Punchestown.

With Classical Charm out of the race, *Third Quarter* took over in front but was caught on the line by the Arthur Moore-trained Kings English.

Special Pageant, sixth to the Clive Brittain-trained Sayyedati in the group one Moyglare Stud Stakes as a juvenile, was an easy three-length winner of the 21-runner Staffordstown Stud Fillies' Maiden Stakes. Jim Bolger's filly appreciated the ten-furlong trip and will stay *further as the season* progresses.

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THUNDERER
2.25 Myverygoodfriend. 2.55 Nadiad. 3.25 On The Sauce. 3.55 TIPP MARINER (nap). 4.25 Fired Earth. 4.55 It's Varadan.

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 4.55 ADMIRALTY WAY.

GOING: GOOD SIS

2.25 RADFORD BAVARIAN NOVICES CLAIMING HURDLE (£1,924: 2m 6f 110yd) (14 runners)

1 HOLLY MARTIN'S (C Brooks) C Brooks 5-11-10 B Bradley –
2 P0 GREY TOUPEE 11 (G Giddings) G Giddings 7-11-8 B Clifford –
3 /U6525 LITTLEDALE 30 (J McManus) M Wilkinson 7-11-8 P Ward (7) 80
4 22/P-0PP GHIA GNEUAGH 19 (J de C Scott) C Tizzard 7-11-6 D Bridgwater 85
5 PUSPP-0 MOYMET 18 (E Mangan) K Burke 7-11-6 G McCourt –
6 03F-214 MYVERYGOODFRIEND 193 (B,D,BF,G,S) M Pipe 6-11-6 P Scudamore 81
7 02/0-F CADDLESTOWN 20 (D McCain) D McCain 9-11-2 Mr D McCain Jr (5) 93
8 0U11 JOLI'S GREAT 13 (Enterprise Markets Ltd) M Ryan 5-11-1 J Ryan 96
9 4-04602 BORRETO 45 (C James) C James 9-11-0 I Williams (7) 69
10 /P8/340 AISHOLT 35 (K Bishop) K Bishop 8-10-11 D Hobbs (7) 80
11 P-0PP5F APPLIED GRAPHICS 33 (Applied Signs Ltd) J Mackie 5-10-11 T Eley (5) 69
12 2-11560 JULIETSKI 48 (V,F,G) (S Bomkin) M Hammond 5-10-11 S Lyons (5) 84
13 0000 ERLEMO 30 (B) (Mrs C O'Hanlon) W Clay 4-10-9 Diane Clay 86
14 P-P0SP5 RAMSEY STREET 55 (B Llewellyn) B Llewellyn 6-10-9 Mr J L Llewellyn (7) 78

BETTING: 3-1 Julietski, 7-2 Joli's Great, 4-1 Myverygoodfriend, 5-1 Holly Martin's, 8-1 Borreto, 10-1 Aisholt, 14-1 others.

1992: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

FORM FOCUS

LITTLEDALE 7l 5th of 11 to Master Jolson in a novice handicap hurdle at Nottingham (2m 5f 110yd good). MYVERYGOODFRIEND 11l 4th of 8 to Miss Simone in a novice handicap hurdle at Newton Abbot (2m 6f, good to soft). JOLI'S GREAT beat Sareen Express a neck in a 8-runner claiming hurdle at Lingfield (AW, 2m, standard). BORRETO 2l 2nd of 10 to Fotoexpress in a claiming novice hurdle at Lingfield (2m 3f 110yd, soft). JULIETSKI 24l last of 9 to Trump in a novice handicap hurdle at Edinburgh (2m 4f, good). Best effort this season was when beating So Discreet 5l in a 7-runner novice claiming hurdle at Perth (3m 110yd, good). ERLEMO 24l 8th of 15 to Family Lass in a claiming hurdle at Nottingham (2m, good).
Selection: JULIETSKI

2.55 CLASSIC GLASS NOVICES CHASE (£2,406: 2m) (7 runners)

1 5B23P1 KNIGHT'S SPUR 17 (D,F,G) (A Tarrant) J Webber 6-11-8 G McCourt 92
2 4/P0006 CHAGHATAI 18 (Mrs M Robertson) W Clay 7-11-2 J Lodder –
3 30040F HOWGILL 27 (C,F) (Mrs C Lockhart) R Hollinshead 7-11-2 S Wynne (3) –
4 14/3-P24 NADIAD 40 (CD,F,G) (J Gray) D McCain 7-11-2 G Bradley 99
5 0504-2P WOODY WILL 41 (J South) O Sherwood 7-11-2 P Scudamore 73
6 0-00 THE NEW WIFE 12 (Mrs D McBride) J King 6-10-11 S McNeill –
7 P000-P0 CASTLE REUBEN 93 (P Waters) R Dickin 5-10-8 D Meredith (3) –

BETTING: 10-11 Knight's Spur, 3-1 Woody Will, 6-1 Nadiad, 8-1 Chaghatai, 14-1 Howgill, 20-1 Castle Reuben, The New Wife.

FORM FOCUS

KNIGHT'S SPUR beat Castle Diamond 2½l in a 6-runner maiden chase at Newbury (2m 1f, firm). HOWGILL fell 7th behind Keen Vision in a 5-runner handicap hurdle at Lingfield (AW, 2m 2l, standard). Best recent effort was when 10l 4th of 10 to Admiralty Way in a handicap hurdle at Southwell (AW, 2m). NADIAD 22l last of 4 to Atlaal in a novice chase at Ascot (2m, good to soft). WOODY WILL pulled up before 15th behind Nevada Gold in a novice chase at Warwick (2m 4f 110yd, soft). Better effort when 6l 2nd of 4 to Shanaghey West in a novice chase at Lingfield (2m, heavy).
Selection: NADIAD

3.25 PHILLIPS THE FLORISTS SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,868: 2m 4f 110yd) (18 runners)

1 052042 FIRST DIVISION 12 (BF,S) (W Jenks) W Jenks 10-11-11 Mr T Jenks (5) 99
2 30-PF12 ON THE SAUCE 12 (B,F) (Goldsmith & Partners) M Pipe 6-11-11 P Scudamore 87
3 314-414 BLUE DISC 19 (B,D,F) (Mrs B Ramsden) R Hollinshead 8-11-10 S Wynne (3) 86
4 FU-3PP4 RAAWI 14 (D,F) (J Sissons) J Glover 5-11-9 G McCourt 87
5 2-00626 SANDHURST PARK 38 (V,C,G,S) (Mrs S Busse) P Murphy 8-11-4 D Murphy 96
6 150RUR- BUTLERS PET 306 (F,G,S) (Mrs J Hicks) T Hallett 14-11-0 N Downs (7) 80
7 036433 CRAZY HORSE DANCER 9 (D,G) (Mrs J Haslem) F Jordan 5-10-13 J Lodder 92
8 14F040 TEMPORALE 32 (D,F,G,S) (Mrs E Burke) K Burke 7-10-12 R Supple 90
9 5632PF SILVER STRINGS 35 (Mrs M Palling) B Palling 13-10-9 R Greene (3) 88
10 060/8P6 MILL DE LEASE 10 (C,D,F,G) (S Leadbeater) J Doolar 8-10-8 M Hourigan (3) 96
11 11-4036 BAHRAIN QUEEN 108 (F,G) (D Thompson) C Smith 5-10-8 M Ranger 91
12 P0016-0 KILTONGA 5 (G) (P Harris) P Leach 8-10-7 C Maude 90
13 42-PP03 BALLAD RULER 10 (Woodlands (Worcestershire) Ltd) P Pritchard 7-10-3 A Webb 82
14 1-P06P5 BEAUFAN 88 (G) (Classical Enterprises Ltd) C Jackson 6-10-2 W Humphreys 88
15 404 NAJEB 10 (BF) (J Carr) P Evans 4-10-1 M A Fitzgerald 88
16 5P1362 MECADO 18 (V,S) (Mallsword Ltd) F Yardley 6-10-0 D Gallagher 96
17 /2/5-PP MR MCGREGOR 140 (Mrs S Supple) K Supple 11-10-0 B Clifford –
18 0P0400 LA PEREET 27 (B,F) (J Holden) B Richmond 5-10-0 D Byrne 87

Long handicap: Mr McGregor 9-10, La Pereet 9-11.

BETTING: 4-1 On The Sauce, 5-1 First Division, Crazy Horse Dancer, 7-1 Sandhurst Park, 10-1 Blue Disc, Temporale, 14-1 Mecado, Raawi, 16-1 others.

FORM FOCUS

FIRST DIVISION 2l 2nd of 8 to Sayant in a selling *hurdle at Bangor* (2m 1f, good to firm). ON THE SAUCE 10l 2nd of 5 to Cosmic Dancer in a at Southwell handicap hurdle (AW, 2m 6f, standard). CRAZY HORSE DANCER 12l 3rd of 7 to Needwood Sprite in a handicap hurdle at Wolverhampton (2m 7f, good to firm). TEMPORALE 25l 12th of 15 to Myhamet in a handicap hurdle at Taunton (2m 3f 110yd, good). SILVER STRINGS fell 4th behind Cavo Greco in a selling hurdle at Hereford (2m 1f, good). *Best recent effort* was when 6l 2nd of 10 to Suluk in a selling hurdle at Southwell (AW, 2m 6f, standard). BEAUFAN 25l 5th of 14 to Master Of The Rock in a selling hurdle at Bangor (2m 1f, soft).
Selection: FIRST DIVISION (nap)

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1 113143 GOOD TIMES 13 (BF,F,G,S) (Mrs D Robinson) B Hall 12-0 B West (7) 88

Racecard number. Six-figure form (F — fell. P — pulled up. U — unseated rider. B — brought down. S — slipped up. R — refused. D — disqualified). Horse's name. Days since last outing; F if flat. (B — blinkers. V — visor. H — hood. E — Eyeshield. C — course winner. D — distance winner. CD — course and distance winner. BF — beaten favourite in latest race). Going on which horse has won (F — firm, good to firm, hard. G — good. S — soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance. The Times Private Handicapper's rating.

3.55 CLASSIC RACING BOOKS HANDICAP CHASE (£3,035: 3m 2f) (14 runners)

1 U43-6PU RYMER KING 12 (C,F,G,S) (G Hutsby) J Chugg 11-11-10 W Humphreys 87
2 10-3214 DIAMOND FORT 31 (S) (Mrs R Stocks) J McConnochie 8-11-8 S McNeill 85
3 424330 ARCTIC TEAL 20 (B,CD,F,G,S) (Mrs P Robeson) O Sherwood 9-11-7 P Scudamore 90
4 PU4052 MWEENISH 12 (C,G,S) (R Hall) J Webber 11-10-11 G McCourt 88
5 3425-05 SPARK OF PEACE 13 (G,S) (G Cahill) R Brotherton 11-10-11 D Murphy 80
6 335305 MISS FERN 26 (D,F,G,S) (Phipps, Duane & Co) R Dickin 8-10-10 D Meredith (3) 80
7 635P65 SAM SHORROCK 12 (B,C,D,G) (D Travers-Clark) G Thorner 11-10-10 D Bridgwater 85
8 P6-3PP1 TIPP MARINER 39 (D,G,S) (Mrs J Bishop) S Sherwood 8-10-8 G Upton 87
9 840152 HEYFLEET 21 (B,F,S) (The Heyfleet Partnership) Mrs J Pitman 10-10-8 B de Haan 95
10 251432 UNDER OFFER 25 (D,G,S) (Miss S Douglas-Pennant) J King 12-10-4 J Kavanagh 93
11 234/1-3P NAUGHTY NICKY 35 (G) (K Bishop) K Bishop 9-10-4 R Greene (3) 80
12 F/25U1-4 THE TARTAN SPARTAN 30 (F) (Mrs D Batchelor) M Wilkinson 9-10-3 S J O'Neill 80
13 5F21P-P ROSE LANCASTER 88 (D,G) (M Griffin) T Hallett 10-10-1 N Downs (7) 80
14 5FF6-PP BAYRAM 38 (G,S) (A Wates) T Etherington 11-10-0 R Supple 77

BETTING: 3-1 Tipp Mariner, 4-1 Heyfleet, 6-1 Rymer King, 8-1 Arctic Teal, Diamond Fort, Mweenish, 12-1 Naughty Nicky, Under Offer, 14-1 others.

FORM FOCUS

MWEENISH 25l 2nd of 5 to Silver Spy in a handicap chase at Bangor (3m 110yd, good to firm), with RYMER KING unseated rider 5th. RYMER KING's best recent effort was when 30l 8th of 10 to Stirrup Cup in a handicap chase at Nottingham (3m 3f 110yd, soft). MISS FERN 40l 5th of 8 to Thamestown Toolsie in a at Folkestone (3m 2f, good). Better effort when 27l 3rd of 7 to Cache Fleur in a handicap chase at Kempton (3m, good to soft), with SAM SHORROCK (same terms) over distance away 5th. SAM SHORROCK's best recent effort was when 16l 5th of 9 to Dandy Minstrel in a *handicap chase at Folkestone* (3m 2f, good). TIPP MARINER beat Cool And Easy 2½l in a 12-runner novice chase at Wincanton (3m 1f 110yd, good). HEYFLEET ½l 2nd to Sheston in a 9-runner handicap chase at Plumpton (3m 1f 110yd, good).
Selection: MWEENISH

4.25 BROADSYSTEM TV PHONE COMPANY NOVICES HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,997: 2m) (14 runners)

1 12 FIRED EARTH 38 (D,S) (Mrs J Fanshawe) J Fanshawe 5-12-0 S Smith Eccles 95
2 543211 JOHNSTED 9 (B,D,G) (P Riley) W Clay 7-11-8 Diane Clay 86
3 65343/1 *MARSH'S LAW 10 (B) (Mrs V Hartigan) O Brennan 6-11-6* M Brennan 90
4 30362 DUTEST 21 (B) (Mrs H Clarke) M Pipe 6-11-4 P Scudamore 80
5 052P00 DAMCADA 80 (E4 Racing) D Wintle 5-11-4 R Davis (5) –
6 /12/435 BOOK OF RUNES 23 (V,D,S) (D Jones) J Edwards 8-11-4 N Williamson 88
7 20633 ULURU 11 (Mrs K Morgan) C Nash 5-11-1 J Kavanagh 88
8 0-P0303 OPEN SESAME 21 (White City All Stars C C) M Bradstock 7-11-0 P Holley 80
9 430 KASISI 14 (Mrs D Blackburn) J Webber 4-11-8 G McCourt 80
10 0643/5 RISK FACTOR 60 (M Jolian) R Lee 7-11-0 D Murphy –
11 P0842 SALUTING WALTER 6 (V,BF) (Ms K Valentin) I Campbell 5-10-10 R Supple 94
12 05-040U MILLIES OWN 11 (Mrs M Mellen) S Mellor 6-10-5 M Perrett 83
13 F5552 ENCHANTED FLYER 156 (Mrs B Mercer) T Donnelly 6-10-3 T Eley (5) 80
14 P80-0P6 DYD 24 (Mrs M Pugh) F Jordan 5-10-2 J Lodder –

BETTING: 2-1 Fired Earth, 3-1 Book Of Runes, 5-1 Johnsted, 6-1 Dutest, 8-1 Marsh's Law, 12-1 others.

FORM FOCUS

FIRED EARTH 12l 2nd of 10 to Amtrak Express in a novice hurdle at Wincanton (2m, good). MARSH'S LAW beat Mystic Glen 2½l in a 12-runner maiden hurdle at Market Rasen (2m 1f 110yd, good). BOOK OF RUNES 19l 5th of 10 to As Du Trefle in a novice hurdle at Haydock (2m 4f, good). Previously, better effort when 12l 3rd of 10 to As Du Trefle in a novice hurdle at Leicester (2m, heavy). ULURU 2½l 3rd of 12 to Taylors Prince in a novice handicap hurdle at 12-runner Towcester (2m, good to firm). SALUTING WALTER 1½l 2nd of 7 to Doradus in a novice handicap hurdle at Sedgefield (2m 1f 110yd, good to firm). ENCHANTED FLYER 10l 2nd of 9 to Black Jewel in a selling handicap hurdle at Southwell (2m, good to firm).
Selection: BOOK OF RUNES

4.55 HOUGHTON VAUGHAN HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,529: 2m) (8 runners)

1 03-4411 ADMIRALTY WAY 35 (D,G) (Mrs A Buxton) W Clay 7-11-10 Diane Clay 99
2 5-55641 IT'S VARADAN 24 (D,G,S) (Mrs M Bayliss) T Etherington 9-11-8 G McCourt 92
3 111250 SIMONE'S SON 16 (B,CD,BF,F,G) (G Barnett) G Barnett 5-11-8 D Meade (7) 85
4 0/00002 CHAMPAGNE GOLD 24 (B,D,G,S) (Mrs C Massey) J McConnochie 6-11-3 S McNeill 87
5 51P-P MANZOOR SAYADAN 30 (D,G) (Carlon Racing) Mrs J Pitman 5-10-13 B de Haan 91
6 122610 CARDINAL BIRD 39 (B,D,S) (J Fane) S Mellor 6-10-9 M Perrett 94
7 551/03 COMEDY RIVER 11 (D) (Group 1 Racing (1993) Ltd) J Spearing 6-10-9 M A Fitzgerald 91
8 8-F00F0 STROKED AGAIN 146 (D,F) (B Richmond) B Richmond 8-10-4 D Byrne 80

BETTING: 7-4 Admiralty Way, 4-1 Simone's Son, 5-1 Manzoor Sayadan, 6-1 It's Varadan, 10-1 others.

FORM FOCUS

ADMIRALTY WAY beat Chambros 12l in a 16-runner novice hurdle at Hereford (2m 1f, good). IT'S VARADAN beat Will James a short head in a 12-runner handicap hurdle at Stratford (2m 110yd, good), with COMEDY RIVER (4lb better off) 50l 11th. COMEDY RIVER produced a better effort more recently when 6l 3rd of 7 to Star Of The Glen in a handicap hurdle at Wincanton (2m, good to firm). SIMONE'S SON 21l 7th of 8 to King's Shilling in a handicap hurdle at Hereford (2m 1f, good to firm). MANZOOR SAYADAN pulled up before 2 out behind Soleil Dancer in a handicap hurdle at Windsor (2m, soft). Best form was when beating Royado 7l in a 4-runner novice hurdle at Windsor last season (2m, good). CARDINAL BIRD over 45l 11th of 12 in a handicap hurdle at Huntingdon (2m 110yd, soft). Previously, best Zealous Kitten 1l in a 13-runner handicap hurdle at Windsor (2m, soft).
Selection: ADMIRALTY WAY

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Wins	Runs	%	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	%
M Pipe	38	108	35.2	M Hourigan	3	6	50.0
C Brooks	9	32	28.1	P Scudamore	30	82	36.6
J Glover	4	18	22.2	S Smith Eccles	16	62	25.8
M Ryan	3	14	21.4	T Eley	6	28	21.4
J King	7	33	21.2	S McNeill	7	36	19.4
O Sherwood	8	38	21.1	D Byrne	6	31	19.4

SATURDAY'S RESULTS

Uttoxeter

Going: good

1.30 (2m hdle) 1, Whippers Delight (D Meade, 8-1); 2, Band Of Hope (11-4 fav); 3, Always Ready (7-2). 8 ran. 8l, 8l. G Charles-Jones. Tote: £6.40; £1.50, £1.10, £1.80. DF: £10.40. CSF: £27.35.

2.00 (2m 4f 110yd hdle) 1, Mr Flanagan (G Bradley, 3-1); 2, Real Progress (11-4 jt-fav); 3, Mastrajan (11-4 jt-fav). 11 ran. NR: Rovulenka, Pollerton's Pride. 1½l, 8l. C Brooks. Tote: £3.50; £1.50, £1.30, £1.30. DF: £4.00. CSF: £10.85.

2.30 (2m 5f ch) 1, General Pershing (N Doughty, 100-30); 2, Lake Teereen (8-1); 3, Lake Mission (4-5 fav). 7 ran. 8l, 6l. G Richards. Tote: £3.30; £1.60, £3.20. DF: £12.80. CSF: £26.08.

3.00 (3m 2f ch) 1, Catchapenny (S J O'Neill, 10-1); 2, Raithwinden House (8-1); *3, Rathmore (4-1 fav). 13 ran. ½l, 15l. M* Wilkinson. Tote: £8.70; £2.50, £2.30, £1.80. DF: £26.80. Trio: £30.00. CSF: £80.24. Tricast: £342.33.

3.35 (4m 2f ch) 1, Mister Ed (D Morris, 25-1); 2, Into The Red (4-1 fav); 3, Do Be Brief (12-1); 4, Dandy Minstrel (10-1). 17 ran. NR: Smooth Escort. 15l, 8l. R Curtis. Tote: £31.70; £4.70, £2.00, £2.50, £1.80. DF: £118.10. Trio: £263.70. CSF: £113.65. Tricast: £1,183.29.

4.10 (2m 5f ch) 1, Dubacilla (D Gallagher, 5-1); 2, Duo Drom (9-1); 3, Wicket (20-1). Snitton Lane 7-2 fav. 14 ran. 15l, 1½l. H Cole. Tote: £6.10; £2.40, £2.10, £5.80. DF: £23.10. CSF: £46.50. Tricast: £766.23.

4.40 (3m 110yd hdle) 1, Montagnard (G Bradley, 25-1); 2, Sea Buck (4-1 fav); 3, Pashto (7-1). 12 ran. 2l, 1½l. M Bradstock. Tote: £42.70; £7.70, £1.30, £2.70. DF: £83.50. CSF: £109.09. Tricast: £713.22.

Placepot: £38.70.

Chepstow

2.20 1, Gulburn's Nephew (11-8 fav); 2, Sirrah Jay (7-4); 3, Ragian Road (5-2). 3 ran.
2.50 1, Pharly Story (1-4 fav); 2, Thunder Bug (7-2); 3, Charly Pharly (25-1). 4 ran. NR: Elaine Tully.
3.20 1, Flashthecash (6-4 fav); 2, Indian Tonic (3-1); 3, Fight To Win (13-8). 4 ran.
3.50 1, Casienne (4-1); 2, Bayroelay (8-1); *3, Brigtina (100-30). Cloghran Lad 7-4 fav. 6* ran.
4.20 1, Came Down (9-4); 2, Shatchio Boy (7-4). Dearness Spook 13-8 fav. 3 ran (only two finished).
4.50 1, Paddysway (11-2); 2, Apsmore (5-1); 3, Commanchero (20-1). Cautious Rebel 2-1 fav. 11 ran.

Newcastle

2.15 1, Knayton Prospect (5-2 fav); 2, Shawwell (9-2); 3, Hurricane Horace (11-4). 13 ran. NR: Caithness Prince.
2.45 1, Washakie (5-1); 2, Centre Attraction (5-1); 3, John Corbet (7-2 jt-fav). Owd Henry 7-2 jt-fav. 8 ran.
3.15 1, Seraphim (7-2); 2, Aragon Ayr (7-1); 3, Secret Castle (11-2). Solo Corner 11-4 fav. 13 ran. NR: Charlycia, Chief Mole.
3.45 1, River House (11-1); 2, Kilnalon Castle (5-1); 3, Stay On Tracks (15-8 fav). 7 ran. NR: Run Pet Run, Carousel Calypso, Lupy Minstrel.
4.15 1, Batabanoo (2-1 fav); 2, Notable Exception (8-1); 3, Ste-Jen (7-1). 10 ran.
4.45 1, Hunter (6-5); 2, Our Survivor (9-1); 3, Keep Sharp (Evens fav). 3 ran.
5.15 1, Polishing (7-2); 2, Set The Standards (3-1 fav); 3, Fiery Sun (9-1). 10 ran.

Lingfield Park

1.55 1, Tip Top Lad (11-4); 2, Red Bean (11-4); 3, Umillo (5-1). Jarzon Dancer 2-1 fav. 5 ran.
2.25 1, General Merchant (Evens fav); 2, Taffy Jones (100-30); 3, Certain Style (9-4). 3 ran.
2.55 1, Bellezza (9-1); 2, Bardecan (9-2); 3, Oneupmanship (9-2). Ben Zabeedy 5-2 fav. 7 ran. NR: Mr Mari.
3.25 1, Kisu Kali (4-5 fav); 2, Welsh Commander (Evens). 2 ran. NR: Bibendum, Capsize, Barge Boy, Kilikmartin.
3.55 1, Coe (6-4); 2, Fighting Jessica (Evens fav); 3, Rhode Island Red (11-2). 3 ran.
4.25 1, Alcoy (2-1 fav); 2, Lady Gwenmore (5-2); 3, Gold Glen (7-2). 5 ran.

Towcester

2.05 1, Majority Holding (9-2); 2, Hallo Mam (11-8 fav); 3, Henbury Hall (2-1). 3 ran.
2.35 1, Line Lad (7-1); 2, Kelly Owens (9-1); 3, Everlode (7-1). Tuffnut George Evens fav. 7 ran.
3.05 1, Smith Too (Evens fav); 2, Shahdjat (100-30); 3, Varesio (7-2). 6 ran.
3.35 1, Woodlands Genhire (3-1); 2, Granny's Prayer (5-1); 3, Greystyle (10-1). Tori 2-1 fav. 5 ran.
4.05 1, Dr Rocket (7-1); 2, Rupples (9-2); 3, Mister Feathers (6-1). They All Forgot Me 6-5 fav. 5 ran.
4.35 1, Sailor Blue (13-2); 2, Pharoah's Guest (9-4 fav); 3, Sovereign Sound (15-2). 9 ran.

☐ Reg Akehurst ended a 20-day losing run when Coe beat Fighting Jessica by six lengths in the Sapphire Handicap Chase at Lingfield on Saturday.

NEWCASTLE

THUNDERER
2.15 Wishing Gate. 2.45 Astraleon. 3.15 Clonroche Driller. 3.45 John Naman. 4.15 Monaru. 4.45 Ellerton Hill. 5.15 Free Transfer.

Brian Beel: 4.45 Ellerton Hill.

GOING: FIRM SIS

2.15 MATTS BANK NOVICES HURDLE (£1,687: 3m) (7 runners)

1 4212 WISHING GATE 26 (BF,D,G) M Hammond 5-11-10 C Grant
2 U624 HEATHVIEW 13 Jimmy Fitzgerald 6-11-4 M Dwyer
3 -004 ORTON HOUSE 25 J Charlton 6-11-4 B Storey
4 0 THE NASH 30 J Mulhall 6-11-4 Mr C Mulhall
5 4-04 WATSON HOUSE 11 B Mactaggart 5-11-4 C Dennis (3)
6 0006 CELTIC BUNNIE 79 Mrs J Goodfellow 8-10-13 K Johnson
7 P6 FRAGRANT PATH 4 W Reed 6-10-13 T Reed

4-5 Wishing Gate, 6-4 Heathview, 12-1 Orton House, Watson House, 50-1 others.

2.45 EBF NATIONAL HUNT NOVICES HURDLE (£2,058: 2m 110yd) (12)

1 5531 FULL O'PRAISE 23 (G) P Calver 6-11-10 T Reed
2 -510 RAISEAMILLION 17 (F) G Moore 5-11-5 L Wyer
3 -001 SHEEP STEALER 12 (D,G) Jimmy Fitzgerald 5-11-5 M Dwyer
4 104F SPANISH FAIR 24 (CD,F) P Cheesbrough 5-11-5 Mr A Thornton (5)
5 P042 ASTRALEON 12 R Allan 5-11-0 B Storey
6 BUSHTUCKER Miss S Turner 5-11-0 K Johnson
7 3420 HIGHLANDMAN 17 J Haldane 7-11-0 A Merrigan
8 6 JUDICIOUS CAPTAIN 17 J Adam 6-11-0 J Railton
9 *06-0 STANDSTILL 140 Mrs S Smith 6-11-0* Mr C Mulhall
10 -400 TRILL ALONG 105 (BF,F) M Hammond 7-11-0 P Niven
11 0350 JUST EVE 10 J Gleeson 6-10-9 P Williams (7)
12 TASMIN GAYLE R Brewis 5-10-9 G Harker

3-1 Sheep Stealer, 7-2 Full O'Praise, 5-1 Spanish Fair, Astraleon, 12-1 others.

3.15 BRUNTON NOVICES CHASE (£2,559: 2m 4f) (6)

1 2P31 CLONROCHE DRILLER 13 (D,G) Mrs S Bramall 8-11-9 J Burke (7)
2 4213 ZAM BEE 19 (CD,G) W Reed 7-11-9 T Reed
3 PP *FRUHMAN 14 Mrs S Smith 7-11-3* A Jones
4 F223 HOUGHTON 9 (G,S) M W Easterby 7-11-3 L Wyer
5 PFPU PRECIOUS MEMORIES 13 (G) M Naughton 8-11-3 A Orkney
6 4 LADY'S ISLAND 37 J Charlton 5-10-3 B Storey

6-4 Clonroche Driller, 2-1 Houghton, 5-2 Zam Bee, 12-1 others

3.45 SANDY LANE CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS CLAIMING HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,949: 2m 110yd) (15)

1 5006 MOWTHORPE 7 (D,F,G) M W Easterby 8-11-10 P Johnson (5)
2 00F0 STYLISH GENT 7 (B,D,F,G) J Birkett 5-11-8 D Barry (5)
3 /5PP CASUAL PASS 56F (D,F,S) L Lungo 10-11-8 F Perratt (5)
4 45 NOGGINGS 213 Mrs E Moscrop 4-11-6 P Midgley
5 1265 JOHN NAMAN 12 (BF,D,G) P Monteith 4-11-3 A Dobbin
6 /32P CAETANI 19 M W Easterby 9-11-3 J Driscoll (3)
7 50-F PAY TO DREAM 145 W Storey 5-11-0 B Harding (3)
8 4054 DEVIL'S SOUL 2 J Parkes 5-10-10 C Woodall (5)
9 5553 SHAYNA MAIDEL 12 J Birkett 4-10-10 D J Moffatt
10 3443 STRONG FANCY 16 (B,G) S Kettlewell 10-10-4 N Bentley
11 F005 SPEEDY SIOUX 11 (B,D,G) S Chadwick 4-10-4 D Bentley
12 PPP3 MAUREEN'S FANCY 9 J Parkes 8-10-0 S Mason (3)
13 3F00 RAP UP FAST 12 N Waggott 4-10-0 P Waggott
14 0000 HALSTON PRINCE 10 B Mactaggart 6-10-0 C Dennis
15 -505 MAGIC BLOOM 13 A Strange 7-10-0 A Lamach

4-1 John Naman, 5-1 Caetani, Strong Fancy, 11-2 Devil's Soul, 7-1 Pay To Dream, 10-1 Mowthorpe, 14-1 Shayna Maidel, 20-1 Stylish Gent, 25-1 others.

4.15 MELTON HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,846: 3m) (5)

1 F133 TALLYWAGGER 10 (C,D,F,S) G Moore 6-12-0 N Stocks (7)
2 1-31 MONARU 58 (F,G,S) Mrs M Reveley 7-11-11 P Niven
3 U221 SHELTON ABBEY 13 (CD,F,G) P Cheesbrough 7-10-7 C Grant
4 0304 KHARIF 23 (B,C,F,G,S) R Allan 9-10-3 B Storey
5 5215 FINGERS CROSSED 158 (D,F,S) M Hammond 9-10-0 S Hogg (7)

6-4 Monaru, 3-1 Shelton Abbey, 9-2 Tallywagger, Fingers Crossed, 16-1 Kharif.

4.45 HARTBURN NOVICES HUNTER CHASE (Amateurs: £1,087: 3m) (5)

1 P/1 ELLERTON HILL 13 (G) Mrs J Brown 10-13-0 R H Brown (5)
2 PD-0 LETHAL WEAPON 12 S Robinson 9-12-7 Simon Robinson (7)
3 5063 DOLITINO 12 Miss Z Green 9-12-2 T Morrison (7)
4 43/ POLLY VERRY 1389 J Adam 11-12-2 Mrs B Thomson (7)
5 456- THE PRIDE OF POKEY 331 Miss C Dawson 9-12-2 Mrs V Jackson (7)

1-4 Ellerton Hill, 7-1 Dolitino, 9-1 The Pride Of Pokey, 16-1 Polly Verry, 25-1 Lethal Weapon.

5.15 KENTON NOVICES HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,811: 2m 4f) (7)

1 0630 FREE TRANSFER 8 J Wainwright 4-11-10 P Midgley (5)
2 P623 PRIDE OF PENDLE 19 B Wilkinson 4-11-9 L Wyer
3 0F40 GINGER PINK 25 J Johnson 7-11-8 A Lamach (3)
4 0302 MISTIC GLEN 10 J Parkes 4-11-5 N Smith
5 432 MYSTIC MEMORY 19 (BF) Mrs M Reveley 4-11-4 P Niven
6 F003 ANOTHER EARL 7 E Weymes 9-10-11 D Bentley (5)
7 000 JOLI EXCITING 9 J Adam 8-10-10 J Railton

7-4 Mystic Memory, 7-2 Pride Of Pendle, Mistic Glen, 11-2 Ginger Pink, 10-1 Free Transfer, 25-1 Another Earl, 100-1 Joli Exciting.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: G Moore, 15 winners from 73 runners, 20.5%; Mrs M *Reveley, 14 from 69, 20.3%*; J Johnson, 16 from 87, 18.4%; *Jimmy* Fitzgerald, 11 from 61, 18.0%; M W Easterby, 7 from 43, 16.3%; B Wilkinson, 6 from 37, 16.2%.

JOCKEYS: Mr A Thornton, 3 winners from 8 rides, 37.5%; N Bentley, 6 from 22, 27.3%; C Grant, 39 from 150, 26.0%; A Dobbin, 3 from 13, 23.1%; L Wyer, 16 from 82, 19.5%; P Niven, 21 from 128, 16.4%.

PLUMPTON

THUNDERER
2.35 Ishraaq. 3.05 Clever Shepherd. 3.35 Roger's Pal. 4.05 Woodland Flower. 4.35 Fighting Days. 5.05 Man From Mars.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM SIS

2.35 PEASE POTTAGE NOVICES HURDLE (£1,475: 2m 1f) (6 runners)

1 1223 MUNDAY DEAN 13 (B) R O'Sullivan 5-11-6 D O'Sullivan (3)
2 0005 BRUCE BUCKLEY 26 J Jenkins 5-11-2 A Maguire
3 55 ISHRAAQ 119 R Akehurst 5-11-2 J Osborne
4 0P04 WALKING SAINT 28 Graeme Roe 6-10-11 P McDermott
5 4225 ALICE'S MIRROR 9 (G) T McGovern 4-10-9 W McFarland
6 0 DONNA 25 N Henderson 4-10-3 R Dunwoody

7-4 Alice's Mirror, 5-2 Munday Dean, 7-2 Donna, 8-1 Ishraaq, 12-1 others.

3.05 CUCKFIELD HANDICAP CHASE (£2,301: 3m 1f 110yd) (5)

1 2262 CLEVER SHEPHERD 19 (BF,D,F,G) P Hobbs 8-11-10 Peter Hobbs
2 1226 OK CORRAL 10 (B,C,F,G,S) J White 6-11-6 A Maguire
3 6-02 BUDDY HOLLY 11 (C,F) J Old 8-10-9 T Grantham
4 4352 OWEN 12 (F,G,S) B Smart 9-10-9 R Dunwoody
5 P5P3 DUNRAVEN ROYAL 14 (B,F,S) R Curtis 10-10-2 D Morris

2-1 Buddy Holly, 5-2 OK Corral, 4-1 Owen, Clever Shepherd, 10-1 Dunraven Royal.

3.35 MARCH SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,690: 2m 1f) (4)

1 3163 ROGER'S PAL 7 (CD,G) A Moore 6-11-10 G Moore
2 0606 TRENDY AUCTIONEER 35 (V) Mrs L Jewell 5-10-0 A Maguire
3 UP05 LADY POLY 13 R Stone 5-10-0 Leesa Long (7)
4 50P5 LLANELLY 21 (B) Graeme Roe 6-10-0 P McDermott

6-4 Roger's Pal, 7-4 Trendy Auctioneer, 3-1 Lady Poly, 6-1 Llanelly.

4.05 CORINTHIAN-CASUALS NOVICES HANDICAP CHASE (£2,101: 3m 1f 110yd) (4)

1 4PP1 *WOODLAND FLOWER 14 (B,D,F,G) O Sherwood 8-11-10* J Osborne
2 442F CAPITAL PUNISHMENT 12 (BF) Mrs F Walwyn 7-11-6 J White
3 P242 SHARPRIDGE 7 Mrs J Pitman 9-11-4 M Pitman
4 0-PP WARNER FOR WINNERS 105 (S) P Hobbs 7-11-1 Peter Hobbs

6-4 Woodland Flower, 7-4 Sharpridge, 5-2 Capital Punishment, 20-1 Warner For Winners.

4.35 OFFHAM NOVICES CHASE (£2,045: 2m) (5)

1 322P FIGHTING DAYS 28 (C,F) A Moore 7-11-10 G Moore
2 3-26 BLUE ENSIGN 16 M Muggeridge 8-11-4 A Maguire
3 82P5 GREENWINE 80 (F) Mrs L Richards 7-11-4 D Morris
4 4P53 SINGING SPEAR 10 G Humphrey 8-11-4 A Tory
5 P06F HOT LASS 21 J Bridger 7-10-13 I Lawrence

5-4 Blue Ensign, 9-4 Fighting Days, 6-1 Singing Spear, Greenwine, 20-1 Hot Lass.

5.05 LEWES HANDICAP HURDLE (Amateurs: £1,763: 2m 4f) (7)

1 FF13 MENEBUCK 17 (D,G) Lady Herries 7-12-0 Andrew Lillingston
2 1052 MANHATTAN BOY 21 (CD,F,G,S) J Fitch-Heyes 11-10-8 J Durkan (3)
3 P1-5 MAN FROM MARS 47 (F) P Hobbs 7-10-0 G Lewis (7)
4 P-00 BRIGADIER BILL 12 (F) J White 8-10-0 Raymond White (7)
5 0U30 GLEN MIRAGE 13 (F) Mrs F White 8-10-0 Miss S White (7)
6 /006 DOUBLE U DEE 9 H Haynes 10-10-0 Y Melrmet (7)
7 RRRV JASON'S QUEST 670 (S) K Bishop 9-10-0 Miss A Green (7)

7-4 Manhattan Boy, 9-4 Menebuck, 5-1 Man From Mars, Brigadier Bill, 12-1 Glen Mirage, 33-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: Lady Herries, 4 winners from 9 runners, 44.4%; Mrs J Pitman, 15 from 39, 38.5%; R Akehurst, 23 from 63, 36.5%; J White, 28 from 114, 24.6%; N Henderson, 8 from 35, 22.9%; Graeme Roe, 3 from 14, 21.4%.

JOCKEYS: M Pitman, 9 winners from 25 rides, 36.0%; A Maguire, 18 from 68, 26.5%; R Dunwoody, 23 from 98, 23.5%; J White, 5 from 25, 20.0%; P McDermott, 3 from 15, 20.0%; J Osborne, 5 from 26, 19.2%.

NATIONAL HUNT LEADERS

TRAINERS

	1st	2nd	3rd	Days since win	Level stake
M Pipe	153	91	72	1	-49.05
D Nicholson	86	56	36	2	+168.01
G Richards	77	51	37	1	-39.38
Mrs M Reveley	73	45	38	1	-47.50
Jimmy Fitzgerald	54	41	31	5	+3.15
N Twiston-Davies	52	36	27	4	+37.10
N Henderson	42	31	31	3	-34.15
M Hammond	42	39	27	1	-39.57
J Gifford	39	34	31	4	-29.98
W A Stephenson	35	25	24	–	-66.50
M H Easterby	30	27	22	5	-16.16
Miss H Knight	29	11	21	10	+22.85

JOCKEYS

	1st	2nd	3rd	Losing sequence	Level stake
R Dunwoody	140	97	74	4	-61.39
P Scudamore	124	69	44	0	+7.15
A Maguire	98	89	76	2	-8.99
P Niven	89	46	35	0	+75.04
J Osborne	69	51	47	1	-30.32
G McCourt	57	48	50	11	-34.33
M Dwyer	55	49	37	3	-62.12
N Doughty	54	32	26	1	-17.37
C Llewellyn	53	36	39	1	+73.96
C Grant	49	46	39	4	-95.85
S McNeill	43	29	38	27	-74.12
M A Fitzgerald	41	42	35	1	-71.82

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Ten-day suspension threatens Byrne's Aintree ride

DEREK Byrne could miss the ride on Four Trix in the Grand National after being *banned* for ten days for reckless riding on Brambleberry at Newcastle on Saturday.

Brambleberry, who was disqualified in the Northern Champion Juvenile *Handicap* Hurdle, finished runner-up to Batabanoo but was found to have interfered with fourth-placed Ste-Jan between the last two flights. Ste-Jan was promoted to third.

Byrne, *disqualified* from March 29 to April 7 inclusive, is considering an appeal, but if it fails he will miss the Aintree meeting which runs from April 1 to 3.

Alan Harrison is hoping Seraphim's success in the Belford Novices' Claiming Hurdle is a good omen for the William Hill Lincoln. "I want to be in the winner's enclosure after Ashdren, who runs in the same colours as Seraphim, runs in the Lincoln at Doncaster next Saturday," said the *Middleham* trainer.

"He is in great form and *Alan Munro* will be having his first ride for me."

The Arthur Stephenson Memorial Handicap Chase provided a bitter-sweet outcome as River House, trained by Stephenson's nephew, Peter Cheesbrough, took the honours but Old Applejack *broke a leg on landing three* out and had to be put down.

Relief for Celtic's running sore

Taking a bow: Collins accepts the plaudits after scoring Celtic's opening goal against Rangers. Photograph: Marc Aspland

Andrew Longmore detects fear and envy on the terraces of Parkhead despite a sweet victory

March 20, 1993, might yet mark another change in the tempo of the two-step danced by Scotland's most famous clubs over the last century. But one victory by Celtic, however sweetly gained at the expense of the champions' 44-match unbeaten run, cannot hide the fact that Rangers are still calling the tune on both sides of Glasgow and promise to do so for some time yet.

Celtic, though, should be thankful for small mercies, particularly where the pride of the green half of the city is concerned. The 2-1 win, Celtic's first over Rangers this season, has bought their manager, Liam Brady, and his hard-pressed board of directors time at the fag end of a season littered with failure and marred by internal strife.

As Rangers stagger on with an ever-lengthening injury list — all six of their players were withdrawn from the Scotland squad — towards a fourth successive title and a possible treble of league, cup and European Cup, Celtic are left to contemplate an empty shelf in the trophy cupboard, their fourth in a row, and the prospect of another bitter struggle for power between rebel shareholders and the three ruling families. Neither will be a happy sight for a club that has thrived on success and community spirit.

Not surprisingly, given Rangers' dominance, a fair slab of envy could be detected amid the emotional rubble piled up on the ancient banks of terracing at Parkhead on Saturday. A sense of fear too that, unless Celtic settle their squabbles, find some money, buy some players and win some trophies soon, one part of the Old Firm — the old-fashioned, family-run, homely part — is heading for oblivion or, even worse, liquidation.

Not even Rangers would be happy about that. Despite the religious differences, the suspicion, the taunts and, for 90 minutes on a Saturday afternoon, some real hatred, Rangers and Celtic need a healthy rivalry. Like two crabby old spinsters, they bicker constantly and cannot live without each other.

The danger for Celtic is that a few more seasons in the exclusive company of AC Milan and Marseilles and Rangers, already nicknamed AC Gorbals, might turn elsewhere for genuine competition. Despite a squad reduced to 14 by injury, there was just a hint of conservation about Rangers' performance on Saturday, a feeling that more important battles lie ahead, which is heresy for a Glaswegian derby. It was Rangers' fiftieth match of the season, and looked like it.

In these hard times, the green-and-white brigade feed off the knowledge that, under the great Jock Stein, Celtic won nine titles in a row and that good times will return as a matter of history. But the stakes have risen in the last five years, as Rangers' £1 million European gates testify, and the gap between the haves and the have-nots is widening in football as in society.

Rangers are on the gravy train and heading for European super leagues with a modern ground at Ibrox. Celtic are lurching towards the buffers, with an overdraft conservatively estimated at £5 million and a stadium rendered obsolete by the Taylor Report. Central to the future prosperity of the club is the move to a new ground at Cambuslang, a few miles from Parkhead. A decision on planning permission is due in the next few weeks.

The club claims that finance for the £40 million project, which includes the obligatory shopping mall, is already in place, though supporters, whose loyalty has been stretched to the limit by their club's adherence to a hand-to-mouth philosophy, remain sceptical about the whole idea.

On the field, the vision is equally clouded. As Brady knows well, his team is some way short of challenging for a Scottish championship, let alone making an impact in Europe, and his resources are limited. They play prettier football than their rivals, but Rangers are more effective.

On Saturday, Celtic darted hither and thither, poking, prodding, creating a host of decent chances. Yet, had not the Rangers defence decided to play statues at a corner early in the second half, allowing Payton to make it 2-0, and had not Hateley, on his favoured left foot, dragged his shot inches wide in the dying minutes, Rangers, who had been given faint hope by Hateley ten minutes from time, might have snatched an undeserved point from their increasingly nervous grasp.

Like most derbies, it was not a distinguished game, save for an excellent opening goal, struck from 20 yards by Collins, and for McCall, who gave his team-mates a lesson in commitment. Victory will ease Celtic's pain, but there comes a time when not even boundless optimism can mend the muddle.

CELTIC: P Bonner; T Boyd, D Wdowczyk, P Grant, M McNally, M Galloway, S Slater, P McStay, F McAvennie, A Payton, J Collins.

RANGERS: A Goram; S Nisbet (sub: A McCoist), D Robertson, N Murray, D McPherson, J Brown, T Steven, D Hagen, S McCall, M Hateley, I Durrant (sub: A Mikhailichenko).

Referee: D Hope.

Brazil return to roots and sow seeds of success at top level

Skill and grace lit up Saturday's world youth final. **Rob Hughes**, football correspondent, reports

At Sydney Airport yesterday, Gian, the centre forward whose ninetieth-minute goal gave Brazil the world under-20 championship, was separated from his team. Female admirers from five different nations had lured him outside for the innocent pursuit of being photographed embracing him.

Gian's lack of stature and open nature were evident. But inside the lounge, Julio Leal, the Brazilian youth coach, waited patiently. Earlier in the week he had forbidden his players to leave their hotel rooms, for fear of just this attraction.

Now he simply said: "They need freedom, these Brazilian players. Remember what I told you last night, it is in the blood."

What he actually had said in the hour of victory was that his team, which took nine months from his appointment to form, had the blood of a champion in its veins. He reasoned that three of them might graduate immediately to the senior side, that others would go to the Olympics.

Leal was still wearing his own gold medal in the airport. His brown eyes were deep with pride, especially when told that the English people could easily give their hearts to this, the return of Brazilian football to the roots that it had forsaken 20 years ago.

"I am glad, very glad," he said. On Saturday night, flushed with his victory, this coach, who in his own country has worked against many influences wanting to turn the game towards a more pragmatic English style, had argued that Brazil should play with music, "not with the fighting that you in England or in Germany do better than us."

Indeed the contrast with the earlier third-place play-off match in the Sydney stadium, where England beat Australia 2-1, could scarcely have been greater.

An electric storm and heavy rain symbolically fell on England, although both Chris Bart-Williams and Julian Joachim produced moments above the level of their hitherto impoverished play.

Indeed Joachim's goal, where he beat two men with a marvellous turn, kept his head and his feet to round the goalkeeper and scored from an acute angle, was full of the pugnacity, the ability to chase and win a lost cause, that Keegan established for England long ago.

For the most part, though, England and Australia had slugged away like boxers. Then came Ghana and Brazil.

Not quite a classic, but a match devoid of fear and negativity. Here were two nations, two continents, trying to live on instinct and, for the future of the sport, to lace pure joy into their performance.

It was the Ghanaians, who had perplexed England with their stealth and movement in the semi-final, who not only scored first but, as Brazil admitted, had through sheer technique and inventiveness outplayed them in the first half hour.

Emmanuel Duah, one of three 15-year-old Ghanaians plucked out of their country to be groomed by Torino, glided into the goalmouth, rose like a salmon and, with exuberant athleticism, produced a power header into the far corner of the net that beat the best goalkeeper Brazil may have have produced.

However, the indiscipline the Africans had shown against England exposed them to the spirited reply of Brazil. Adriano, voted the outstanding player of the tournament, created a first goal for the winger, Jan, and Adriano's part in holding the ball for a fraction of a second was wisdom far beyond his 19 years.

Then, at the very end, after Ghana had created and missed their chances, came what they thought was injustice. Kuffour, their centre back, also based in Italy, turned awkwardly into a challenge and claimed he was fouled. But as he lay injured, Marcelinho, the intelligent and cultured captain of Brazil, made the most sublime pass.

He hit the ball 25 yards down to the only forward, Gian. More than that, he hit it to Gian's left foot, and instantly it was despatched into the net.

The Ghana players beat the ground in their understandable despair. They thought they had lost the opportunity to put Africa on the world map.

But both their charming coach, Fred Osam Duodu, and the Brazilian hierarchy felt that these two teams had given football the pride and promise that seems beyond so many of the so-called advanced nations.

The last words of another exhausting tournament came from Leal. "We have the only way to reach real peace throughout the world — it cannot be done through diplomacy, through politics or economics. Only sport can achieve it."

The high idealism this coach places on a simple sport is one that feeds the needs of 150 million Brazilians to whom football is religion. Far be it from an Englishman, who has just spent two weeks feeling shame at our own denial of space and lack of freedom, to deny the victor his dream.

As the Aussies say: "Go for it, mate."

Ecstatic Brazilian players celebrate their world youth final triumph over Ghana

WEEKEND RESULTS AND TABLES

FA Premier League

ARSENAL (3) 4 SOUTHMPTN (2) 3
Linighan 15 Merson 16 Carter 20, 79 — Dowie 4 Adams 30 Le Tissier 50
24,149

A VILLA (1) 2 SHEFF WED (0) 0
Yorke 2, 55 — 38,024

BLACKBURN (1) 1 MIDDLSBRO (1) 1
Atkins 23 — Hendrie 32
14,041

CHELSEA (0) 1 TOTTENHAM (1) 1
Cascarino 51 — Sheringham 31 (pen)
25,157

IPSWICH (0) 0 COVENTRY (0) 0
16,698

LIVERPOOL (0) 1 EVERTON (0) 0
Rosenthal 90 — 44,619

MAN CITY (0) 1 MAN UTD (0) 1
Quinn 57 — Cantona 71
37,136

OLDHAM (1) 2 QPR (0) 2
Henry 1 Adams 88 — Allen 68 Sinton 73
10,946

SHEFF UTD (0) 0 C PALACE (1) 1
18,857 — Coleman 44

WIMBLEDON (2) 3 NORWICH (0) 0
Holdsworth 16, 83 Ardley 23 — 10,875

Yesterday

NOTTM FOREST (1) 1 LEEDS UTD (1) 1
Clough 25 (pen) — Rod Wallace 13 25,148

FA CHALLENGE VASE: Semi-Finals: First Leg: Bridlington Town 2, Gresley Rovers 1. Tiverton Town 2, Canvey Island 0.

DIADORA LEAGUE: Premier division: Aylesbury 2, Bognor 0. Bromley 1, Basingstoke 0. Chesham 1, Staines 0. Grays 3, Enfield 2. Harrow 0, Windsor and Eton 0; Hayes 0, Carshalton 4; Hendon 1, Wokingham 1; Kingstonian 2, Marlow 0; Sutton United 2, Dulwich 0; Wivenhoe 0, Stevenage Borough 0; Yeading 1, St Albans 2. First division: Barking 1, Bishops Stortford 2; Billericay Town 2, Boreham Wood 2; Croydon 1, Dorking 1; Lewes 0, Hitchin 2; Leyton 0, Heybridge Swifts 0; Maidenhead United 3, Walton & Hersham 1, Molesey 2, Abingdon Town 1; Tooting & Mitcham 1, Aveley 0; Uxbridge 2, Whyteleafe 0. Wembley 2, Chalfont St Peter 0. Second division: Banstead Athletic 4, Rainham Town 1, Berkhamsted Town 3, Saffron Walden Town 1: Edgware Town 5, Ware 2; Hampton 0, Newbury Town 0; Harefield United 0 Leatherhead 1, Hungerford Town 1, Chertsey Town 0; Malden Vale 2, Southall 3: Metropolitan Police 5, Tilbury 1, Ruislip Manor 4, Berton Rovers 0, Witham Town 0, Hemel Hempstead 0, Worthing 4, Egham Town 0. Third division: Aldershot Town 6, Camberley Town 1 Collier Row 5, Northwood 0; Cove 1, Clapton 0; East Thurrock United 3, Epsom 0; Feltham and Hounslow B 2, Leighton Town 7; Flackwell Heath 1, Royston Town 0; Horsham 2, Bracknell Town 2, Kingsbury Town 2, Hornchurch 1; Petersfield United 1, Tring Town 1.

BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE: Premier division: Atherstone 0, Bashley 1: Cambridge City 1, Burton 0, Gloucester 1, Waterlooville 1; Hastings 1, Halesowen 4; Solihull 1, Cheltenham 1; V S Rugby 4, Dorchester 1; Weymouth 0, Hednesford 3; Worcester 2, Chelmsford 2 Midland Division: Bedworth United 0, Evesham United 1; Grantham Town 2, Hinckley Town 1; Nuneaton Borough 5, Forest Green Rovers 0, RC Warwick 2, Weston-Super-Mare 2; Redditch United 1, Newport AFC 3, Stourbridge 0, Dudley Town 0; Sutton Coldfield Town 1, Bilston Town 2; Tamworth 3, Leicester United 4; Yate Town 1, Bridgnorth Town 0. Southern Division: Andover 1, Erith 1: Ashford Town 7, Bury Town 0, Burnham 1, Dunstable 1; Fisher Athletic 0, Sudbury Town 4; Gravesend 0, Baldock Town 1, Havant Town 2, Sittingbourne 1; Newport Iow 0, Braintree Town 0, Wealdstone 2, Poole Town 1: Witney Town 1, Margate 2

Barclays League

First division

BRENTFORD (0) 0 BIRMINGHAM (0) 2
7,532 — Peschisolido 70, 74

BRISTOL CITY (1) 2 WATFORD (1) 1
Bent 12 Pennyfather 85 — Charlery 41
8,265

LEICESTER (3) 3 GRIMSBY (0) 0
Walsh 13 Groves 19 (og) Oldfield 36 — 15,930

LUTON (0) 1 BRISTOL ROV (0) 1
Maddison 58 (og) — Taylor 72
7,717

NEWCASTLE (1) 4 NOTTS COUNTY (0) 0
Lee 32 Kelly 53, 61 Cole 70 — 30,029

PETERBORO (1) 1 OXFORD UTD (1) 1
Sterling 35 — Beauchamp 42
6,316

PORTSMTH (1) 1 CHARLTON (0) 0
Whittingham 11 — 12,854

WEST HAM (0) 2 TRANMERE (0) 0
Dicks 53, 82 (2 pens) — 16,369

WOLVES (0) 1 CAMBRIDGE (1) 2
Bull 65 — Butler 18 Leadbitter 88
11,473

Yesterday

BARNSLEY (1) 2 SUNDERLND (0) 0
Biggins 15, 89 — 7,278

DERBY (0) 2 SWINDON (0) 1
Kitson 62 Pembridge 67 (pen) — Taylor 71 12,166

SOUTHEND (1) 3 MILLWALL (3) 3
Collymore 11 Tilson 52, 86 — Barber 35 Stevens 36 Goodman 44
3,840

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
		HOME					AWAY					
Newcastle	36	12	5	1	40	11	10	3	5	27	20	74
West Ham	36	12	4	2	37	14	8	5	5	25	18	69
Portsmouth	36	14	2	2	34	8	4	7	7	25	31	63
Swindon	36	12	4	2	35	18	5	6	7	25	27	61
Millwall	36	12	4	1	42	15	4	9	6	16	23	61
Leicester	35	10	4	4	31	21	7	3	7	23	25	58
Tranmere	35	10	4	3	37	17	6	3	9	19	30	55
Grimsby	36	9	6	3	30	22	8	1	11	21	26	52
Derby	35	7	1	10	30	28	8	5	4	25	15	51
Charlton	35	8	7	3	23	15	5	5	8	19	20	51
Barnsley	36	9	4	5	23	14	5	4	9	25	27	50
Peterborough	35	5	8	6	24	24	8	2	7	22	27	49
Wolves	36	8	6	5	31	22	4	6	7	18	23	48
Watford	35	5	5	7	24	29	6	4	9	27	36	42
Sunderland	35	7	5	6	24	19	4	4	9	12	28	42
Oxford Utd	35	5	6	6	23	16	4	7	7	20	28	40
Luton	36	4	11	4	21	25	4	5	8	13	29	40
Cambridge	36	6	5	7	21	24	3	8	7	18	31	40
Notts County	35	7	5	5	23	18	2	7	10	19	41	39
Bristol City	35	5	6	6	27	23	4	4	10	18	37	38
Birmingham	36	5	8	2	20	23	2	6	11	13	33	38
Brentford	36	6	3	10	22	26	4	4	9	18	22	37
Southend	35	5	9	5	25	19	3	4	10	14	36	36
Bristol Rov	36	5	3	10	22	35	3	5	10	19	36	32

HFS LOANS LEAGUE: Premier Division: Buxton 2, Goole 1; Colwyn Bay 4, Horwich 2; Emley 1, Barrow 1, Frickley 1, Winsford 2; Hyde 1, Southport 1; Leek 2, Bishop Auckland 3: Marine 2, Accrington Stanley 0; Morecambe 3, Gainsborough 4; Mossley 0, Matlock 0. First division: Alfreton Town 6, Rossendale United 3; Caernarfon Town 0, Worksop Town 2, Congleton Town 0, Workington 3, Guiseley 0, Gretna 0; Knowsley United 0, Eastwood Town 1, Lancaster City 0, Curzon Ashton 0; Radcliffe Borough 2, Farsley Celtic 4; Shepshed Albion 0, Netherfield 3, Warrington 4, Harrogate 3.

SMIRNOFF IRISH LEAGUE: Ballymena 0, Omagh Town 1, Carrick 0, Newry 2; Cliftonville 2, Glentoran 3; Coleraine 0, Portadown 3, Distillery 2, Ards 1; Glenavon 0, Crusaders 2; Linfield 5, Larne 2.

NEVILLE OVENDEN COMBINATION LEAGUE: First division: Southampton 0, Arsenal 0

Second division

BOLTON (2) 4 EXETER (1) 1
McGinlay 24, 50 Walker 32 Kelly 57 — Moran 4 6,819

BRADFORD (0) 2 WIGAN (0) 1
McCarthy 48 Williams 55 (pen) — Robertson 84 4,748

BRIGHTON (1) 1 BOURNEMTH (0) 0
Nogan 14 — 7,059

HARTLPOOL (1) 2 WEST BROM (1) 2
Saville 37 (pen), 55 — Hamilton 38 Raven 87
4,174

HUDDERSFIELD (2) 5 BLACKPOOL (1) 2
O'Regan 34 (pen) Barnett 37 Starbuck 48 Onuora 58, 85 — Bamber 12, 77 6,249

HULL (1) 1 MANSFIELD (0) 0
Brown 28 — 3,551

LEYTON ORIENT (0) 0 PORT VALE (0) 1
5,950 — Walker 67

PLYMOUTH (0) 0 SWANSEA (1) 1
6,233 — Bowen 27

PRESTON (1) 2 STOCKPORT (1) 3
Ellis 45, 48 — Duffield 9, 65 Gannon 71 (pen)
5,255

READING (0) 1 BURNLEY (0) 0
Gilkes 78 — 6,398

STOKE (0) 1 FULHAM (0) 0
Stein 72 (pen) — 17,935

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
		HOME					AWAY					
Stoke	34	14	3	0	38	10	7	7	3	25	17	73
Port Vale	34	11	6	0	34	10	7	3	7	23	24	63
Stockport	35	10	7	1	38	12	6	4	7	26	27	59
West Brom	35	12	3	2	37	12	5	5	8	21	28	59
Bolton	33	11	2	3	33	12	6	3	8	23	22	56
Leyton Orient	36	13	4	2	38	14	3	4	10	14	24	56
Brighton	35	10	3	4	26	16	6	5	7	21	24	56
Reading	35	10	3	5	34	16	4	8	5	17	19	53
Rotherham	35	8	5	5	26	21	6	5	6	21	20	53
Swansea	34	6	7	2	23	12	7	5	8	24	22	52
Bradford	36	9	4	5	27	19	4	8	6	27	35	51
Burnley	36	9	7	2	28	14	4	5	9	14	28	51
Plymouth	34	10	5	2	29	13	2	5	10	10	30	48
Fulham	36	5	8	5	19	20	5	7	7	22	29	45
Bournemouth	35	6	6	4	21	17	5	6	8	14	20	45
Hull	35	7	5	6	21	19	4	5	8	15	27	43
Hartlepool	36	6	6	7	16	19	4	5	7	17	24	42
Exeter	35	5	7	7	23	24	4	7	7	23	35	39
Preston	35	6	5	6	32	35	4	2	11	19	38	37
Huddersfield	34	6	5	7	21	19	3	3	10	15	31	35
Wigan	35	5	6	7	23	24	3	4	10	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Blackpool	35	5	8	4	26	23	2	4	12	19	39	33
Mansfield	35	6	6	5	29	26	2	3	13	10	36	33
Chester	36	6	2	11	27	36	1	2	14	15	43	25

BORD GAIS LEAGUE OF IRELAND: Premier Division: Bohemians 1, Shelbourne 1, Bray Wanderers 0, St Patrick's Ath 0; Derry City 1, Limerick 1; Dundalk 0, Cork City 0, Shamrock Rovers 0, Drogheda Utd 3, Sligo Rovers 1, Waterford 1

KONICA LEAGUE OF WALES: Briton Ferry 2, Bangor 5; Cwmbran 1, Caersws 1; Ebbw Vale 3, Connah's Quay 2; Haverfordwest 1, Conwy 3; Holywell 1, Maesteg Park 1: Llanidloes 0, Llanelli 1, Mold 3, Aberystwyth 1; Newtown 1, Aberystwyth 3; Porthmadog 0, Afan Lido 3.

ARTHURIAN LEAGUE: Premier Division: Cholmeleians 2, Wellingburians 0; Lancing 3, Etonians 2, Malvernians 2, Chigwellians 3. First Division: Harrovians 3, Salopians 3

Third division

CARDIFF (1) 2 CHESTERFLD (0) 1
Dale 37 Richardson 56 — Lancaster 64
6,756

CARLISLE (0) 0 COLCHESTER (2) 2
3,003 — Cook 23 Edmondson 38 (og)

DARLINGTN (0) 3 NORTHMPTN (0) 1
Isaacs 50 Pickering 73 Dobie 82 — Bell 83 2,106

HALIFAX (1) 1 SHREWSBURY (0) 1
Barr 20 — Blake 63
3,872

HEREFORD (2) 3 GILLINGHAM (0) 1
May 5 Abraham 35 Hall 82 — Crown 74 2,133

LINCOLN (0) 3 SCARBORO (0) 0
Baraclough 62 (pen) Lee 67 Matthews 83 — 3,725

ROCHDALE (1) 1 TORQUAY (0) 0
Saunders 43 (og) — 1,594

SCUNTHRPE (0) 0 WREXHAM (0) 0
3,282

WALSALL (1) 2 BARNET (0) 0
R McDonald 20, 87 — 3,418

YORK (0) 1 BURY (1) 2
McCarthy 65 — Rigby 34, 67
3,985

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
		HOME					AWAY					
Cardiff	33	11	5	1	35	16	9	1	6	26	22	66
Barnet	32	14	2	1	42	17	5	4	6	15	20	63
Wrexham	33	11	2	3	38	13	5	7	4	20	23	60
York	34	10	6	2	35	13	6	5	5	24	24	59
Lincoln	33	9	4	3	25	14	7	2	8	21	25	54
Shrewsbury	31	11	1	4	28	20	5	5	5	15	15	54
Walsall	32	9	4	4	35	27	7	0	8	23	27	52
Bury	32	9	5	2	33	15	6	2	8	22	29	52
Crewe	30	8	1	4	25	16	7	3	7	25	28	49
Scarborough	31	7	4	2	24	14	7	2	9	30	37	48
Chesterfield	33	9	2	5	28	19	4	6	7	22	28	47
Rochdale	32	7	3	6	29	23	5	7	5	28	31	46
Colchester	32	9	3	5	23	25	4	1	10	20	31	43
Scunthorpe	30	5	6	4	23	16	5	2	8	14	23	38
Darlington	33	4	5	8	19	25	5	6	5	16	16	38
Carlisle	32	7	2	8	25	23	3	5	7	18	24	37
Doncaster	34	5	4	8	12	21	3	7	7	14	25	35
Hereford	32	5	8	4	25	22	2	2	11	12	28	31
Torquay	33	5	2	9	13	23	4	1	12	21	37	30
Halifax	32	3	5	9	20	29	4	3	9	21	28	29
Gillingham	34	6	3	7	24	22	0	8	10	14	30	29
Northampton	32	3	4	9	15	26	4	2	10	23	33	27

BASS NORTH WEST COUNTIES LEAGUE: First division: Bamber Bridge 2, St Helens Town 2; Blackpool Mechanics 0, Atherton LR 3; Clitheroe 1, Burscough 0; Darwen 1, Prescot 2; Eastwood Hanley 0, Chadderton 3; Flixton 0, Bacup Borough 1; Glossop North End 7, Kidsgrove Athletic 2; Newcastle Town 2, Bradford Park Avenue 1; Penrith 1, Nantwich Town 0, Salford City 2, Blackpool Rovers 1; Skelmersdale United 3, Maine Road (Man) 1.

JEWSON EASTERN COUNTIES LEAGUE: Premier division: Brantham Athletic 3, Chatteris Town 2; Brightlingsea United 1, Halstead Town 2; Diss Town 2, Lowestoft Town 0; Felixstowe Town 0, Newmarket Town 3; Great Yarmouth Town 2, March Town United 1; Gorleston 1, Tiptree United 1; Haverhill Rovers 9, Cornard United 3. Histon 2, Watton United 3, Stowmarket Town 0, Norwich United 2; Wroxham 3, Harwich & Parkeston 1

GM Vauxhall Conference

ALTRNCHM (1) 1 YEOVIL (2) 2
Emmett 42 — Wilson 10 Spencer 25
722

BATH (0) 0 BROMSGROVE (1) 3
516 — Whitehouse 6, 71 Daly 88

BOSTON (0) 2 WITTON (1) 2
Jones 48 Grayson 79 — Thomas 44, 59
939

KIDDRMINSTER (0) 0 STAFFORD (1) 2
1,234 — Burr 37 Palgrave 64

RUNCORN (1) 2 MERTHYR (2) 3
Shaughnessy 8 Anderson 56 (pen) — Benbow 7 Coates 17 Tucker 85
485

SLOUGH (1) 1 GATESHEAD (0) 0
Fiore 13 — 862

STALYBRIDGE (1) 2 MACCLSFLD (1) 1
Dixon 27 Kirkham 85 — Askey 18
788

TELFORD (0) 0 DAGENHM & R (0) 1
757 — Cavell 49

WELLING (1) 1 NORTHWICH (3) 5
Robbins 20 — Salako 13 (og) O'Connor 39, 45, 88 Hemmings 46 (pen)
633

WOKING (2) 3 KETTERING (0) 2
Buzaglo 9 Bushay 32 Puckett 85 — Roderick 69 Hodges 74 1,586

WYCOMBE (0) 1 FARNBOROUGH (0) 1
Scott 82 — Horton 86
4,141

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
		HOME					AWAY					
Wycombe	31	11	3	1	32	9	7	5	4	30	17	62
Slough	33	11	2	5	34	23	8	5	4	18	18	58
Dag & Red	34	7	5	4	37	23	8	5	5	22	15	55
Bromsgrove	33	7	5	5	29	20	6	6	4	20	17	50
Telford	32	8	5	5	24	20	5	5	4	18	18	49
Yeovil	32	9	4	2	28	13	4	5	8	14	23	48
Woking	34	6	2	8	20	23	8	4	6	27	27	48
Northwich	33	3	5	7	17	21	10	2	6	39	20	46
Stafford	30	4	4	6	14	17	9	3	4	26	17	46
Merthyr	31	3	6	6	17	27	10	1	5	24	24	46
Stalybridge	33	4	8	3	19	23	6	7	5	22	24	45
Kettering	34	9	4	5	32	25	2	5	9	21	33	42
Gateshead	31	7	5	4	18	14	4	3	8	21	28	41
Farnborough	33	8	3	7	31	30	3	5	7	26	35	41
Bath	30	6	5	4	20	19	4	5	6	18	18	40
Altrincham	32	5	6	6	16	20	5	4	6	16	20	40
Kidderminster	34	5	5	7	17	26	3	9	5	24	25	38
Runcorn	32	8	2	7	26	25	2	5	8	16	34	37
Welling	35	5	6	7	25	33	3	5	9	22	33	35
Witton	30	4	6	6	26	28	3	6	5	18	19	33
Macclesfield	31	4	6	4	17	15	4	2	11	15	28	32
Boston	32	4	5	6	19	24	3	5	9	21	22	31

NORTHERN LEAGUE: First division: Chester Le Street 5, Peterlee Newtown 0; Durham City 0, Consett 1, Ferryhill Athletic 1, Seaham Red Star 2: Hebburn 2, Easington Colliery 2; Newcastle Blue Star 1, Whitby Town 3, Northallerton Town 0, Billingham Synthonia 1; Stockton 1, Tow Law Town 1: West Auckland Town 1, Blyth Spartans 3

GREAT MILLS LEAGUE: Premier division: Chard Town 1, Elmore 0; Chippenham Town 9, Dawlish Town 0; Clevedon Town 3, Paulton Rovers 1, Frome Town 1, Torrington 1: Minehead 2, Bristol Manor Farm 0; Westbury United 1, Bideford 0.

SOUTHERN OLYMPIAN LEAGUE: First division: Old Finchleians 2 Nottsborough 2; Old Owens 1 Parkfield 2; Witan 0 Southgate County 1.

Scottish League

Premier division

CELTIC (1) 2 RANGERS (0) 1
Collins 37 Payton 52 — Hateley 84
53,241

DUNDEE (0) 1 ABERDEEN (1) 2
Snelders 71 (og) — Paatelainen 2 Booth 51
5,933

FALKIRK (0) 0 AIRDRIE (1) 1
4,172 — Smith 24

HEARTS (0) 1 HIBERNIAN (0) 0
Robertson 60 — 13,740

MOTHERWLL (2) 2 PARTICK (0) 3
Kirk 30 McGrillen 35 — Farningham 57 McGlashan 62 Jamieson 71
6,499

ST JOHNSTNE (1) 1 DUNDEE UTD (2) 4
Dease 30 — McInally 14 M O'Neil 29, J O'Neil 69 Connolly 59
4,510

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
		HOME					AWAY					
Rangers	34	15	2	0	42	10	10	5	2	39	17	57
Aberdeen	34	10	8	2	35	10	11	2	3	36	16	50
Celtic	35	9	5	4	29	18	9	6	2	25	15	47
Hearts	35	12	4	2	22	8	3	7	7	15	21	41
Dundee Utd	36	6	7	4	18	16	9	2	8	25	20	39
St Johnstone	36	7	7	4	24	24	2	6	10	17	33	31
Hibernian	36	6	6	5	25	23	3	5	11	17	30	29
Partick	35	4	5	8	21	35	5	6	7	20	24	29
Dundee	36	6	4	9	22	28	3	6	8	20	27	28
Motherwell	35	4	4	10	20	33	3	8	6	17	21	26
Airdrie	36	3	7	7	16	21	2	7	10	12	35	24
Falkirk	36	6	4	8	30	33	3	1	14	17	43	23

OLD BOYS LEAGUE: Premier Division: Cardinal Manning 2 Aloysians 4: Danes 4 Tiffinians 1: Ignatians 2 Tenisonians 2: Wilsonians 3 Chertsey 3. London Old Boys Senior Cup: Meadonians 1 Glyn 2.

SOUTHERN AMATEUR LEAGUE: First division: Carshalton 1 Norsemen 1; Civil Service 4 Old Parkonians 0; Crouch End Vampires 6 Midland Bank 2; Old Actonians 3 Old Esthameians 1; South Bank Polytechnic 1 Old Bromleians 0. Second division: Alexandra Park 1 Barclays Bank 2, Broomfield 4 Southgate Olympic 1, Lensbury 2 Ibis 0; Polytechnic 5 Old Salesians 3; Old Stationers 0 Winchmore Hill 1. Third division: Bank of England 3 Alleyn OB 3, Brentham 3 Royal Bank of Scotland 2: Cuaco Old 5 Merton 3; East Barnet OG 6 Old Parmiterians 4; Old Latymerians 5 Old Westminster Citizens 0, Reigate Priory 1 Old Lyonians 3.

ITALIAN LEAGUE: Atalanta 2, Lazio 2: Cagliari 3 Brescia 1; Foggia 1 Ancona 0; Juventus 0 Inter Milan 2; AC Milan 0 Parma 1; Pescara 1 Genoa 2; Roma 1 Napoli 1; Sampdoria 2 Fiorentina 0; Udinese 1 Torino 0. Leading positions (after 24 matches): 1, AC Milan 40 points; 2, Inter Milan 31; 3 Lazio 27.

SPANISH LEAGUE: Atletico Madrid 1, Rayo Vallecano 0; Real Oviedo 3, Celta 1, Cadiz 0, Sevilla 0; Espanol 2, Osasuna 1; Real Zaragoza 1, Real Sociedad 1; Athletic Bilbao 1, Real Madrid 1; Deportivo Coruna 5, Real Burgos 0; Albacete 6, Sporting Gijon 2; Valencia 3 Barcelona 4. Leading positions: 1, Barcelona pld 27, 42 points; 2, Real Madrid 27-40; 3, Deportivo La Coruña 27-39.

First division

DUMBARTON (0) 0 CLYDEBANK (0) 2
1,200 — Flannigan 75 Hay 78

HAMILTON (0) 2 STIRLING (0) 0
Ward 49 Clark 89 — 1,017

KILMARNCK (1) 1 AYR (1) 1
Skilling 45 — Walker 34
5,650

MEADWBNK (0) 3 COWDNBTH (0) 1
Roseburgh 61 (pen) Rutherford 73 Hutchinson 85 — Henderson 57 (pen) 179

RAITH (0) 2 DUNFRLNE (0) 0
Nicholl 60, 80 — 6,509

ST MIRREN (0) 2 MORTON (0) 0
Gallagher 64 (pen) Lavety 73 — 2,709

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
		HOME					AWAY					
Raith	36	14	5	0	45	11	8	7	2	26	18	56
Dunfermline	36	10	4	3	29	18	11	1	7	29	19	47
Kilmarnock	36	10	5	3	33	14	7	4	7	17	21	43
Hamilton	36	9	6	4	30	19	7	4	6	24	17	42
St Mirren	36	9	5	4	27	14	8	3	7	20	26	42
Morton	36	9	2	7	31	22	6	6	6	23	24	38
Ayr	36	8	6	4	23	15	3	8	7	18	22	36
Clydebank	35	8	6	3	32	14	4	5	9	24	34	35
Dumbarton	36	9	1	9	28	30	5	3	9	24	34	32
Meadowbank	35	5	5	7	19	28	4	3	11	21	38	26
Stirling	36	5	3	9	14	29	2	8	9	17	26	25
Cowdenbeath	36	0	5	13	18	46	1	1	16	10	49	8

Second division

ALLOA (0) 0 BERWICK (2) 2
418 — Wilson 36 Kane 38

EAST STIRLING (1) 1 EAST FIFE (0) 3
Roberts 43 — Brown 54 Hope 64 Studden 88
951

MONTROSE (0) 1 FORFAR (2) 3
Logan 58 — Heddle 21 Bingham 38 Petrie 77
627

QN OF SOUTH (1) 2 ARBROATH (2) 3
Thomson 6, 75 — Tosh 28 Buckley 34 Wright 80 (og)
310

QUEEN'S PARK (1) 1 ALBION (0) 1
MacKay 28 — Kerrigan 80
429

STENHSEMR (1) 3 BRECHIN (0) 0
Armstrong 17 Mathieson 71, 75 — 450

STRANRAER (0) 1 CLYDE (0) 1
Grant 64 — Wylde 81
850

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
		HOME					AWAY					
Clyde	31	7	5	3	25	12	10	4	2	35	18	43
Brechin	31	10	3	2	29	12	8	4	4	20	14	43
Stranraer	31	8	6	2	24	16	8	4	3	21	16	40
Forfar	31	8	3	3	39	23	7	4	5	23	18	39
Alloa	31	8	3	5	24	22	7	5	3	25	19	38
East Fife	31	5	4	6	27	27	8	4	4	35	22	34
Arbroath	31	5	5	5	22	21	8	2	6	20	21	33
Stenhousemuir	31	7	2	7	23	20	4	7	4	23	19	31
Berwick	31	6	3	6	25	23	6	2	8	21	29	29
Qun Of South	31	4	3	9	28	24	4	4	7	23	32	23
Queen's Park	31	5	4	7	25	29	2	3	10	17	31	21
Montrose	31	3	3	10	10	31	6	2	8	21	32	21
E Stirling	31	3	3	10	19	35	4	4	7	25	37	21
Albion	31	3	5	7	16	27	1	5	10	11	29	18

FRENCH LEAGUE: Auxerre 2, Strasbourg 0; Bordeaux 0, St Etienne 0; Le Havre 0, Valenciennes 0, Lyon 1, Toulouse 0; Metz 1, Montpellier 1; Monaco 1, Sochaux 0; Nantes 0, Marseille 2; Nimes 1, Caen 2; Toulon 1, Lille 0. Leading positions: (after 29 matches) 1, Monaco 40 points; 2, Marseille 40; 3, Bordeaux 37.

GERMAN LEAGUE: Bayer Leverkusen 1, Hamburg 1; Borussia Moenchengladbach 2, Kaiserslautern 2; Bayern Munich 3, Cologne 0; VfB Stuttgart 4, Bochum 1; Werder Bremen 2, Schalke 0. Leading positions: 1, Bayern Munich played 22, 34 points; 2, Eintracht Frankfurt 21-30; 3 Werder Bremen 22-30.

Statistics

THE LIVERPOOL derby proved the talking point of the weekend with the highest league attendance of the season, 44,619. Guy Whittingham's winner for Portsmouth moved him to 37 goals, some eight ahead of his nearest rival, Francis, of Stockport. Torquay, however, were first past the 70 offences mark, transgressing on 72 occasions (three of them sendings-off).

GOALSCORERS

Premier League	Lge	FA	LC	Oth	Tot
Wright (Arsenal)	13	8	5	0	26
Sheringham (Tottnhm)	16	4	3	0	23
Shearer (Blackburn)	16	0	6	0	22
Quinn (Coventry)	16	0	0	3	19
Cantona (Man Utd)	13	0	0	5	18
Hignett (Middlesbro)	11	4	3	0	18
White (Man City)	14	3	0	0	17
Saunders (A Villa)	13	2	2	0	17
Chapman (Leeds)	12	1	2	2	17
Kiwomya (Ipswich)	10	1	6	0	17
Warhurst (Sheff Wed)	5	5	4	3	17
First division	**Lge**	**FA**	**LC**	**Oth**	**Tot**
Whittingham (Portmth)	32	0	2	3	37
Aldridge (Tranmere)	19	1	2	2	24
Kelly (Newcastle)	19	1	2	1	23
Blissett (Brentford)	15	0	4	4	23
Kitson (Derby)	15	1	2	4	22
Furlong (Watford)	18	0	3	0	21
Maskell (Swindon)	17	0	1	1	19
Morley (West Ham)	17	1	0	1	19
Gray (Luton)	17	1	0	0	18
Adcock (Peterboro)	15	1	2	0	18
Bull (Wolverhampton)	15	1	1	1	18
Cole (Newcastle)	13	0	4	1	18
Peacock (Newcastle)	12	2	2	2	18
Second division	**Lge**	**FA**	**LC**	**Oth**	**Tot**
Francis (Stockport)	21	2	2	4	29
Walker (Bolton)	21	4	1	2	28
Stein (Stoke)	21	0	4	3	28
Taylor (West Brom)	18	3	1	3	25
McCarthy (Bradford)	15	2	1	5	23
Saville (Hartlepool)	13	5	1	1	20
Quinn (Reading)	13	3	1	2	19
Ellis (Preston)	15	1	1	1	18
Third division	**Lge**	**FA**	**LC**	**Oth**	**Tot**
Foreman (Scarboro)	24	0	2	2	28
Griffiths (Shrewsbury)	20	2	1	1	24
Clarke (Walsall)	18	0	1	1	20
Bennett (Wrexham)	14	1	2	2	19
Bull (Barnet)	16	0	2	0	18

Other goals include Autoglass Trophy, Anglo-Italian Cup, European cups and Charity Shield.

OFFENCES

FAIR PLAY	Sent off	Booked
Aston Villa	—	19
Norwich	—	19
Coventry	—	23
Newcastle	1	24
FOUL PLAY	**Sent off**	**Booked**
Torquay	3	69
Chester	4	63
Cambridge Utd	6	60
Wimbledon	2	63
Reading	4	60

Offences do not include Anglo-Italian Cup matches.

ATTENDANCES

Division	Weekly total	Wkly avge	Wkly chng	91-2 chng
Prem (13)	299,059	23,005	—	+8.4
Div 1 (17)	179,740	10,573	—	-0.5
Div 2 (14)	90,152	6,439	—	+18.7
Div 3 (11)	37,194	3,381	—	-1.7

Highest/lowest of weekend. Premier League: 44,619 (Liverpool v Everton); 10,875 (Wimbledon v Norwich). First division: 30,029 (Newcastle v Notts Co); 3,840 (Southend v Millwall). Second division: 17,935 (Stoke v Fulham); 3,551 (Hull v Mansfield). Third division: 6,756 (Cardiff v Chesterfield); 1,594 (Rochdale v Torquay).

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POOLS CHECK

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29
1½	1½	2	1½	3●	2½	1½	1½	1½	1½	1½	3●	1½	3●	1½	1½	1½	1½	1½	1½	1½	1½	1½	1½	1½	1½	1½	1½	1½

30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40	41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50	51	52	53	54	55	56	57	58
1½	1½	1½	1½	2	1½	1½	1½	2	1½	1½	1½	1½	1½	1½	1½	1½	1½	1½	3●	1½	1½	1½	1½	1½	1½	1½	3●	1½

FORECAST: Very good, five jackpot draws and one other score draw; claims for 21 or 21½ points

Yorke double keeps Villa running towards the prize

Pass masters: Saunders, left, and Yorke

Russell Kempson on the day's most convincing table-toppers

IT WAS a goal to savour, complex in its construction yet executed with confidence and stunning simplicity. Nine players involved, three of them twice; 12 separate moves and seven first-time passes. Aston Villa in full flow, untouchable.

All it needed was a spectacular finish, a lethal thigh-high volley or gravity-defying diving header into the roof of the net. Instead, Yorke's side-footed effort from a few yards out sufficed. It almost did a disservice to a 24-carat creation even the Brazilians would have slavered over. Push the replay button: again and again.

After 2min 10sec at Villa Park on Saturday, Villa were on their way to reclaiming pole position in the Premier League. Their 2-0 victory over fourth-placed Sheffield Wednesday produced the third league leaders of the day, and by far the most convincing. Yorke's second goal, in the 56th minute, added realism to fantasy.

Ron Atkinson, the Villa manager, had demanded a flying start and got it. Houghton began weaving the web and the ball passed through Barrett, McGrath, Parker, Yorke and Saunders before Houghton slipped it on to Regis. Richardson took over, Staunton supplied the cross, Saunders dummied, unintentionally yet effectively, and Yorke tucked it home.

It was vintage Villa: pass and move, pass and run. A work ethic that served Liverpool well in the 1980s and promises to bring similar success to the Midlands in the 1990s. He who waits is lost; he who dithers has no place in Atkinson's band of sorcerers. "Nice day, good pitch, great game; and, yes, we enjoyed it. That's what it's all about," he said, trying desperately to conceal a smirk of contentment. He failed.

Apart from a few spells of self-admiration, Villa controlled from first to last. Parker, Richardson and Houghton form as destructive and constructive a midfield as there is in Britain. Saunders and Yorke gorged themselves on quality service.

It was a display that Graham Taylor, the watching England manager, will have admired with regret. By way of birth, most of Villa's multi-national line-up can play no part in Taylor's World Cup plans. Yet he will have been encouraged by the performances of the Wednesday contingent in his squad for the qualifying trip to Turkey next week. Woods, the goalkeeper, often stood between Villa and a landslide.

Four saves in a frenzied five-minute burst late in the first half left Saunders, three times, and Yorke shaking their heads in disbelief.

Palmer, too, excelled in an unfamiliar central defensive role. Though limited in international ability, he shirks nothing and is a must in any team that relies on the unpredictable Gascoigne and forward-thinking Platt. Someone has to graft down the middle when the main men have flown.

Warhurst, the 17-goal defender-turned-striker, also earned a quiet mention in despatches from Villa Park and can only have enhanced his chances of an England debut in Izmir. An embarrassingly sliced volley, shortly after Villa had gone in front, scarred an otherwise lively showing.

Wednesday contributed significantly to a mesmerising match, with Waddle, darting everywhere, perhaps provoking a few more pangs of regret from Taylor. If Barnes is worth an umpteenth chance, why not Waddle? But in their 49th game of the season — including 17 cup ties — and their fifth fixture in 13 days, weary Wednesday could find no more. Yet Villa's legs just keep on running.

ASTON VILLA: M Bosnich, E Barrett, S Staunton, S Teale, P McGrath, R Richardson, R Houghton, G Parker, D Saunders, D Yorke, C Regis.
SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY: C Woods, R Nilsson, N Worthington, C Palmer, S Stewart (sub: G Hyde), J Anderson, D Wilson, C Waddle, P Warhurst, M Bright, J Sheridan
Referee: R Milford

LAURENCE GRIFFITHS

Close encounter: Rod Wallace launches the shot which produced Leeds United's goal in their 1-1 draw with Nottingham Forest at the City Ground yesterday. Report page 19

Norwich nice guys too good to be true champions

Keith Pike saw Norwich City's title challenge falter badly at Selhurst Park, where they lost 3-0 to the more combative Wimbledon

THERE are many qualities which go to make a championship team, but honesty is not high on the list, and Norwich City have it in abundance. At Selhurst Park on Saturday, the nice guys finished second, and the same fate awaits them in the run-in for the Premier League title. They are skilful enough to win it, but they are not mean enough.

Less than two minutes were left when Norwich, pummelled by Wimbledon to the point of exhaustion, wearily launched one last, rare attack towards the goal behind which 5,000 of their supporters stood colourful but silent, their dreams evaporating. A cross from the right saw Phillips volley goalwards, and suddenly the ball was deflected wide by a hand which seemed not to belong to Segers, the Wimbledon goalkeeper.

Keith Cooper, the referee, certainly thought so, and having pointed to the penalty spot, he began reaching for his pocket. A red card, probably for Joseph, seemed imminent.

It was then that Phillips intervened, persuading the referee that he had made a mistake and that he should award a corner instead.

As an act of sportsmanship, it was admirable. As a statement of Norwich's intent it was even more revealing.

The result may not have been in doubt, but it is hard to imagine, say, Paul Ince or Dean Saunders doing the same in a similar situation with the title race in the home straight; harder still to imagine Wimbledon themselves displaying such integrity.

Wimbledon were everything we have come to expect: frighteningly direct, muscular to the point of being intimidatory, and committed to a degree which borders on the fanatical. Norwich, quite simply, did not fancy it.

Where Norwich had Phillips, Wimbledon had Jones, laughing off 12 stitches in a head wound, hurling the ball towards Gunn with hands or feet, and prepared to run his studs down Wooldthorpe's calf after seven minutes as a playful early reminder of his team's, and his own, intensity. His booking, which takes him over 40 points, means another trip to Lancaster Gate, another suspension.

And where Polston and Culverhouse were prepared to let Fashanu burst between them to set up the first goal for Holdsworth in the sixteenth minute, Wimbledon had McAllister grabbing Fox's shirt as he threatened an equaliser five minutes later. The classic professional foul, it was somehow deemed worthy of only a yellow card.

Elkins was booked, too, for a two-footed lunge at Culverhouse — and all this from a side with the game in its pocket and relegation fears long since vanished. When Power summoned up the enthusiasm to join the list in Mr Cooper's book for a foul on McAllister, there were three minutes left. It was only Norwich's fourth foul of the afternoon.

Ardley bundled in Wimbledon's second goal from close range, and the impressive Holdsworth, who also hit a post, completed an emphatic and thoroughly deserved victory. "You have to compete and you have to get the ball down and play. We didn't do either," Mike Walker, the Norwich manager, said. But he insists he will not panic. "A few words were said, but there was no inquest. I am not about to go berserk just because we lost a game. If I had panicked after we lost 7-1 at Blackburn, we probably wouldn't be where we are today."

Norwich, though, had surrendered. Walker knew it, and so did his opposite number, Joe Kinnear.

"We thought we would give them a thorough examination," Kinnear said. "We would see whether they had the resilience and strength." He did not have to say that Norwich had failed, abysmally. "We won't worry about Manchester United coming here on the last day of the season either," Kinnear added. Alex Ferguson, be warned.

WIMBLEDON: H Segers; R Joseph, G Elkins, W Jones, J Scales, B McAllister, N Ardley, R Earle, J Fashanu, D Holdsworth, G Dobbs.

NORWICH CITY: B Gunn; I Culverhouse, M Bowen, C Sutton, J Polston, D Smith, I Crook, C Woodthorpe (sub: L Power), M Robins, R Fox, D Phillips.

Referee: K Cooper (Pontypridd).

Wednesday's week

SHEFFIELD Wednesday have been ordered to play Arsenal in a Premier League match at Hillsborough on a Thursday night in the last week of the season. The clubs already face three other fixtures each between May 1 and May 8. It is the price they must pay for cup success this season.

The sides meet in the Coca-Cola Cup final at Wembley on April 18 and could also play each other in the FA Cup final on May 15. Trevor Francis, the Wednesday manager, believes the Football Association should help by reconsidering their insistence that the season must end on May 8.

"I've never been successful enough as a manager before to worry about fixture congestion," he said. "but I don't know why we shouldn't have an extension to the season. It would give the players some breathing space. We have to play Saturday, Tuesday and Thursday before the last Saturday of the league season. It is very daunting."

Liverpool's inconsistent season seems unlikely to end in relegation after a third consecutive victory, this time at the expense of Everton. The 148th league meeting of the clubs at Anfield seemed destined to end in a draw until Rosenthal scored in injury time.

The chances of Oldham Athletic and Middlesbrough preserving their status will be influenced by tonight's meeting of the clubs at Ayresome Park. A late goal by Adams rescued a point for Oldham in a 2-2 draw against Queens Park Rangers at Boundary Park and Middlesbrough were indebted to a Hendrie goal for a share of the spoils with Blackburn Rovers at Ewood Park.

Mellower Ferguson develops sidestep

After Saturday's drawn Manchester derby, **Ian Ross** finds the United manager better prepared for the run-in than 12 months ago

ALEX Ferguson has been reminded constantly in recent weeks that the most telling factor behind Manchester United's failure to win the championship last season was his inability to cope with the pressure over the final stages.

Ferguson, the argument runs, transmitted to his players his anxieties as Leeds United jockeyed for position in readiness for their decisive blind-side run to the title.

As only the names have changed with the passing of 12 months — Aston Villa for Leeds and Premier League for first division — it follows that it is not so much United's performances which should be monitored in the weeks ahead but the demeanour of the manager.

Ferguson would bridle at the notion that by doing nothing more than following his natural frankness he had in some way contributed to United's collapse but the pain of that failure has left its mark. He is mellower, his sense of injustice, perceived or otherwise, is as acute as ever but the wild, often inaccurate, accusations have gone, to be replaced by a more analytical approach.

Ferguson is not the only manager who finds it difficult to accept that defeat is often attributable to nothing more than human frailty. But, whereas in the past Ferguson would subscribe to the theory that there is a conspiracy against Manchester United when the script he had prepared was not adhered to, he is more reasoned.

A return of two points from three matches could hardly be said to constitute the form of champions-elect and Ferguson would have been forgiven had he chosen to look for more pertinent excuses beyond a slight loss of form and impetus.

He had the platform on Saturday, after a passionless Manchester derby, from which to plead mitigating circumstances when asked if he felt his side should have been awarded a second-half penalty after Curle had bundled over Hughes.

"Sometimes decisions go for you, sometimes they don't. It was just one of those things." The moment passed, the lessons of last season heeded.

Ferguson had good reason to be dissatisfied with what he had seen and in explaining the particular demands of a derby match, he was, in effect, criticising his players for their timidity. "The problem is trying to get away from the attitude that a draw is fine because it keeps everybody happy," he said.

The goals were the least significant statistic for it was the chances squandered by United which decided the outcome. Had Cantona not dispatched Sharpe's cross with a fine header after 69 minutes to equalise Quinn's similarly adept goal 11 minutes earlier, his reputation as a forward capable of combining grace and ruthlessness would have suffered, such had been his profligacy in the opening hour.

MANCHESTER CITY: A Coton, A Hill, T Phelan, P Reid, K Curle, M Vonk, D White, M Sheron, N Quinn, G Fleicroft, R Holden
MANCHESTER UNITED: P Schmeichel; P Parker, D Irwin, S Bruce, L Sharpe, G Pallister, E Cantona, P Ince, B McClair, M Hughes, R Giggs
Referee: R Hart

Derby keep alive hopes of clinching play-off place

Derby County	2
Swindon Town	1

BY LOUISE TAYLOR

DERBY County's season may not be over after all. Just as everybody was writing off Arthur Cox's side's chances of reaching the first division play-offs, they rekindled their promotion ambitions with a narrow win over fifth-placed Swindon at the Baseball Ground yesterday.

County now stand at ninth, seven points adrift of the top six, and could probably do without the distraction of next week's Anglo Italian Cup final against Cremonese. That Wembley date has failed to silence speculation about Cox's job security in the wake of patchy league form and last week's FA Cup defeat by Sheffield Wednesday.

Rumours abound that Bruce Rioch will leave Bolton for Derby in the summer — that is providing Glen Hoddle does not succeed Cox instead. By then, though, Hoddle might just be a Premier League manager with Swindon.

Watching from the dug-out — he was a substitute yesterday — Hoddle saw his side conjure the more promising openings of a tense, scrappy first period. The best came when Martin Taylor was stretched to the limit to save Shaun Taylor's header from Summerbee's corner.

In between the wide men, Kitson and Johnson, oddly switched by Cox from their natural flanks to play on the left and right, Gabbiadini toiled tirelessly. His first touch looks more assured and his control improved from his Sunderland and Crystal Palace days, but Gabbiadini's exceptional pace, which cries out to play off an orthodox centre forward, is frittered away in a role that leaves him little scope for accelerating past defenders. At least Gabbiadini is winning over the Derby crowd.

Yesterday's attendance of 12,160 was the Baseball Ground's lowest in the league in 1992-3, a reflection on Derby's home form. The supporters were relieved to see Taylor make his second significant stop shortly after the break, doing well to repel a shot from Marwood, on loan from Sheffield United.

Until then the best Derby could muster was a free kick from Pembridge that lacked the required amount of curl. Things changed in the 62nd minute, though, when Kuhl crossed, Forsyth flicked on and Kitson placed a header beyond Digby.

Within five minutes, Derby's advantage doubled, thanks to a penalty converted by Pembridge — even though Digby got a hand to it — after Viveash brought down Round.

Swindon scrambled back into things thanks to a 71st-minute header from the unmarked Shaun Taylor after Bodin's corner. With a 25-yard effort from MacLaren swerving too close for comfort and Taylor thoroughly earning his win bonus with a splendid save from Mitchell, Derby lived dangerously.

No wonder the Baseball Ground was whistling in unison a full five minutes before the referee blew his.

DERBY COUNTY: M Taylor, S Round, M Forsyth, S Nicholson, C Short (sub: S Coleman), M Pembridge, G Micklewhite, M Kuhl, P Kitson, M Gabbiadini (sub: M Stallard), T Johnson
SWINDON TOWN: F Digby, N Summerbee, P Bodin, A Viveash (sub: G Hoddle), C Calderwood, S Taylor, B Marwood (sub: S Close), R MacLaren, D Mitchell, M Ling, S White
Referee: R Poulain.

THE TIMES TABLE OF THE FA PREMIER LEAGUE

Weekly change		P	Pts	Goal diff	W	(H-A)	D	(H-A)	L	(H-A)	For	(H-A)	Agt	(H-A)	Recent form
1	(+1) Aston Villa	34	64	+19	18	(12-5)	10	(4-6)	6	(2-4)	51	(33-18)	32	(14-18)	wwwddw
2	(-1) Manchester Utd	34	62	+24	17	(11-6)	11	(4-7)	6	(2-4)	51	(31-20)	27	(12-15)	wwwldd
3	(0) Norwich	35	62	0	18	(10-8)	8	(6-2)	9	(1-8)	49	(24-25)	49	(14-35)	dlwwwd
4	(0) Sheffield Wed	32	49	+5	13	(7-6)	10	(5-5)	9	(3-6)	41	(23-18)	36	(18-18)	wwdlwl
5	(0) QPR	34	48	+5	13	(8-5)	9	(5-4)	12	(4-8)	47	(32-15)	42	(24-18)	llwlld
6	(0) Blackburn	32	47	+11	12	(9-3)	11	(4-7)	9	(4-5)	44	(28-16)	33	(16-17)	lwdldd
7	(0) Manchester City	33	47	+9	13	(6-7)	8	(5-3)	12	(5-7)	45	(23-22)	36	(17-19)	llwwld
8	(0) Coventry	35	47	+1	12	(6-6)	11	(3-8)	12	(6-4)	45	(23-22)	44	(21-23)	dwllld
9	(+3) Arsenal	32	46	+3	13	(7-6)	7	(4-3)	12	(5-7)	33	(20-13)	30	(15-15)	wdldww
10	(-1) Southampton	35	46	0	12	(9-3)	10	(5-5)	13	(3-10)	47	(28-19)	47	(18-29)	lwwdwl
11	(-1) Tottenham	33	46	-8	12	(8-4)	10	(4-6)	11	(4-7)	40	(26-14)	48	(19-29)	wwwldd
12	(+3) Wimbledon	34	45	+3	12	(7-5)	9	(4-5)	13	(7-6)	43	(26-17)	40	(21-19)	wllwww
13	(+1) Liverpool	33	45	+1	12	(9-3)	9	(4-5)	12	(4-8)	44	(28-16)	43	(16-27)	ddlwww
14	(-3) Ipswich	34	45	+1	10	(6-4)	15	(7-7)	9	(3-6)	40	(22-18)	39	(17-22)	wllldd
15	(-2) Chelsea	34	45	-4	11	(6-5)	12	(7-5)	11	(5-6)	37	(19-18)	41	(19-22)	llwwdd
16	(0) Leeds	33	43	-3	11	(11-0)	10	(5-5)	12	(1-11)	43	(33-10)	46	(13-33)	wldwwd
17	(0) Everton	35	42	-5	12	(8-5)	6	(5-1)	17	(6-11)	40	(20-20)	45	(20-25)	dwwlwl
18	(0) Crystal Palace	33	39	-9	9	(4-5)	12	(7-5)	12	(5-7)	40	(18-21)	48	(19-29)	wldddw
19	(0) Sheffield Utd	33	34	-6	9	(6-1)	7	(5-2)	17	(4-13)	37	(25-12)	43	(12-31)	lwlwll
20	(0) Middlesbrough	34	34	-17	8	(6-2)	10	(4-6)	16	(6-10)	40	(23-17)	57	(19-38)	llwlld
21	(0) Notts Forest	33	33	-15	8	(6-3)	9	(4-5)	16	(8-8)	31	(14-17)	46	(18-28)	wldlld
22	(0) Oldham	33	32	-15	8	(7-1)	8	(4-4)	17	(5-12)	43	(28-15)	58	(21-37)	lldwld

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EQUESTRIANISM

Skelton motors home in Paris

FROM JENNY MACARTHUR IN PARIS

NICK Skelton gained a dramatic and unexpected win in the Volvo World Cup qualifier in Paris yesterday on his so-called "second horse", Everest Major Wager. Skelton, who had decided to ride the German-bred gelding at the eleventh hour, won a £17,000 Volvo car.

In a superb result for Britain, Michael Whitaker on Everest Midnight Madness finished second and his brother John was joint-fifth on Everest Grannusch. The three Britons have secured their places at the Volvo World Cup final in Sweden next month.

Skelton decided at the last minute to ride Major Wager, a winner on the opening day, rather than his top horse, Everest Limited Edition. But he regretted the decision as soon as he saw Gérard Delporte's big and very technical course. "I thought it would be too big for Major Wager," he said. "I almost withdrew him on the spot."

Despite a high-class field, which included Ludger Beerbaum, of Germany, the Olympic champion, and Eric Navet, of France, the world champion, there were only three clear rounds: from Whitaker, Thomas Fuchs, of Switzerland, and Dirk Hafemeister, of Germany, by the time Skelton went into the ring. Major Wager, an 11-year-old speed horse who Skelton said on Friday "would be as good as Milton if he had just a little more scope" produced a superb clear round.

John Whitaker looked as if he would join the four after a well judged round but Grannusch unluckily hit fence 12, one of the easier fences on the course.

In the jump-off, Hafemeister, the first to go, had four faults. Fuchs incurred eight. Whitaker, who said the opening round was the biggest he had seen in any qualifier, opted for a careful clear round in 45.40 seconds. "I knew that however fast I went, Nick would go faster," he said.

Skelton, who last won a qualifier in 1985, on Apollo, has never looked more determined. Major Wager responded with a fast and faultless round in 41.67sec.

RESULTS: Volvo World Cup qualifier: 1, Everest Major Wager (N Skelton, GB), 0 faults, 41.67sec; 2, Everest Midnight Madness (M Whitaker, GB), 0, 45.40; 3, Pramos (D Hafemeister, Ger), 4, 44.18; British, equal 5, Everest Grannusch (J Whitaker), 4
World Cup standings: 1, J Lansink (Holl), 68pts, 2, L Beerbaum (Ger), 63, 3, H Luther (Ger), 61. British: equal 7, M Whitaker, 51; 12, Skelton, 45; equal 16, J Whitaker, 42

BADMINTON

Arbi leaps out of Susanti's shadow

BY RICHARD EATON

SUSI Susanti, the Olympic champion, shared the singles titles, not with her boyfriend Allan Budi Kusuma as in Barcelona, but with badminton's Jumping Jack Flash at the All-England championships at Wembley on Saturday.

Though Susanti was only the third woman to win the title three times since the war, it will be her compatriot, Heryanto Arbi, who will be remembered as the more breathtaking, both for how spectacularly and often he jumped to project the shuttle down, and how quickly he has leapt from obscurity to the top.

Arbi, aged 21, beat Joko Suprianto, the world No. 1, 15-7, 4-15, 15-11. Yet he was not thought good enough for his country's Thomas Cup team, nor did he qualify for the Olympics. Leo Wiranata, Indonesia's manager, tended to talk Suprianto down, both before and after the championships, which were sponsored by Yonex.

Arbi's semi-final with Stuer-Lauridsen, of Denmark, was the real final. Wiranata thought, and he did not know if Suprianto, 28, would be back. Suprianto recovered from 1-8 to lead 9-8 in the final game, and as Arbi sat courtside applying spray and an ankle sock to an injury, it seemed the older man might win.

Susanti avenged herself 4-11, 11-4, 11-1 for a defeat in Seoul by Bang Soo-Huan.

In the men's doubles, Thomas Lund and Jon Holst-Christensen, of Denmark, became the first European winners for ten years.

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EDUCATION

SIMON WALKER

Testing time: although the government's plans to test pupils are coming under attack from all sides, there is a place for a simplified national curriculum with rigorous checks

Present tense, future simple

The government should stick to its guns on the curriculum and testing but needs to offer some flexibility, says Anthony O'Hear

Do we need a national curriculum? Do we need nationwide testing at the ages of seven, 11, 14 and 16? Are such things consistent with the decentralisation and diversity in education to which the government is also committed? My answer to each of these questions is yes. Indeed, without a national curriculum and testing, there is a danger that the benefits of decentralisation will be outweighed by its disadvantages.

Many teachers and parents may well be asking how any of this could be. With a curriculum which, on some estimates, takes up 105 per cent of the time available in schools, and with primary school teachers being required to report on over 400 statements of attainment, what room is there for diversity? Even allowing for the predictable professional grouching, the critics do have a point. The current curriculum is overloaded and the examining system is complex and subjective. Until both are simplified and reduced, diversity cannot mean a great deal.

The government is at present being attacked from all sides over the curriculum and testing. While the ultimate responsibility for what goes on in maintained schools does indeed lie with the government, the Byzantine system of testing which we now have was instituted in part because it was believed that the teaching profession would oppose simple paper and pencil tests. The diffuse and inflated programmes of study in many subjects of the curriculum were also attempts to reflect what is erroneously known as good teaching practice. And so we had an English curriculum which gave space to "non literary" texts while paying insufficient attention to grammar; a technology curriculum in which less than 30 per cent of pupils' time was devoted actually to making anything; and a history syllabus whose pedagogical logic escaped even experienced historians. By no means all of the government's critics in the world of education will actually be happy with what I am proposing, namely a reduced yet clearly defined core curriculum and rigorous, objective testing of it.

Before 1988, when the national curriculum was introduced, far too many children were leaving school without the basic grounding in maths, science, literature, history and the arts which everyone would regard as desirable. And this is still true today, despite the success the curriculum is beginning to have. As was disclosed last month, a third of those in further education actually need extra help in reading, writing and calculating. A national curriculum is desirable so that parents and the public can be assured that schools are at least trying to give all children their basic entitlement, and so they can have the possibility of scrutinising what is actually going on in schools. These things are even more necessary now than they were in 1988, given that schools are being allowed, rightly, to develop along lines they themselves choose.

Far from being in conflict with diversity, a core curriculum is a necessary counterbalance to ensure that whatever the overall complexion of a school, pupils in it are given that to which they are minimally entitled. But in order to allow for real diversity, the state-dictated core curriculum must not take up more than half the time available. In some parts of Germany, there are upper limits on the amount of time the statutory curriculum is to take, and we should

> 'The state-dictated core curriculum must not take up more than half the time available'

take a lead from Germany. If we do, we will also go some way to meeting philosophical worries about having the school curriculum in the hands of central government.

If a core curriculum is to mean anything, it must be tested. The results of the tests must be published so that parents and the public can assess the performance of pupils and schools. There are good reasons for having tests at the ages of seven, 11, 14 and 16, given that these are crucial stages in schooling. But it does not follow from this that the government should act as a monopoly provider of tests, or that it should dictate the precise approach to the material being taught or tested. To do either of these things is not only inconsistent with diversity. It is also to suggest what we know cannot be the case, that there could be a monopoly of wisdom in one central agency.

The government is at present setting up a single agency for the curriculum and examinations, the School Curriculum and Assessment Authority (or SCAA as it is already being called). The setting up of SCAA represents a considerable concentration of power. One could imagine a worst-case scenario in which SCAA combines with officials from the education department and the school inspectorate (who are to have access to its meetings and papers) so as to impose a single, all-encompassing curriculum and form of assessment on the whole of the maintained sector. There are certainly those in education who would like to see this. Such indeed tends to be the inexorable logic of bureaucracies.

The challenge to SCAA and to Sir Ron Dearing, its recently appointed chairman, is to become a new type of bureaucracy altogether, one which actually practises the doctrine of subsidiarity and self-consciously limits itself to its proper and restricted function. On examinations, SCAA should be ready to validate exams other than its own, where they cover the material of the core curriculum. On the curriculum, SCAA should restrict itself to specifying the essential content, that to which any child in this country should be introduced, but which should not take up more than half the allotted time in school.

This will not, of course, be easy. It is far easier and far less contentious to do what was initially done with the national curriculum, to produce documents full of jargon and waffle, and to try to satisfy every special interest group. The National Curriculum Council has itself spoken lately of the need to pare down the curriculum and has begun work on this in various areas. SCAA should move further in this direction and prepare itself for the protests which the hard decisions it will have to take will inevitably provoke. If it does, then, we may succeed in combining diversity and entitlement in education, and even SCAA's critics may be mollified by the fact that its curriculum is only half that of any individual school.

If, on the other hand, SCAA goes the way of most bureaucracies, teachers and schools will end up as little more than operators of a government-controlled franchise. There is, then, a danger that in setting up SCAA, a government committed to choice and diversity in education will have created an instrument of dread uniformity. And both SCAA and ministers should remember that the more comprehensive and all-encompassing their policies, the more they stand to be blamed when, as is bound to happen despite the best of intentions, something goes wrong.

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Making the young moral

VIEWPOINT

Stuart Sexton

TEACHERS should teach right and wrong; the churches should do more to teach moral and spiritual values. This is good government exhortation in response to the current malaise, and all good stuff. There is, however, one action the government itself could take, and yet seems to be quite blind to it.

From demands for more police, more magistrates, stiffer penalties, tougher bail, the argument has moved on to examine the root causes of wrong-doing and bad behaviour. Why are so many youngsters oblivious to the difference between good and evil, right and wrong? We are devoid of moral values, of any teaching or example of what is right and what is wrong.

We now recognise that, at least for most people, such moral values are a natural consequence of spiritual values, and that spiritual values are now hardly taught at all in state-maintained schools, except where that school is specifically Christian as in a Church of England or Roman Catholic voluntary-aided or grant-maintained school. There we do find spiritual and moral values taught, by instruction and example.

While there may well be a surplus of state-maintained school places as a whole, there is a shortage in most parts of the country of school places with clearly defined spiritual values. So much so that parents and teachers have started up new schools of a specifically religious character; many more would had they the money. For example, there are now well over 100 new Christian evangelical schools. In Hackney, east London, 3,500 Jewish children attend private, Orthodox Jewish schools because parents want the specific spiritual values inherent in those schools. Yet there are state-maintained secular places in those areas which no one wants.

The answer is simple. Let the state maintain those school places which parents do want, and cease to maintain those they do not. Let us maintain those highly popular schools which teach clear spiritual and moral values and either improve, or close down, the unpopular ones.

The current education bill even provides the mechanism. Existing or proposed independent schools of acceptable quality can apply to "opt-in" to become grant-maintained schools: that is, non-fee paying, state-maintained schools. Further, in the same bill, the secretary of state is taking power to order a reduction of any unacceptable surplus of maintained school places in an area. So, in theory, we can have more maintained schools with clear spiritual values in response to demand, and correspondingly fewer schools of a type for which there is no demand. The actual premises could, of course, be the same.

Regrettably, such a situation cannot become reality unless the government changes its rules. At present the education department adopts a strict policy: : no new voluntary-aided or grant-maintained school places in an area if there is already a surplus of school places. If there is no "basic need", ie, there are ample places, even if not of the type parents want, the department will not authorise places that parents do want, whether voluntary-aided or, under the new bill, grant-maintained. In practice, therefore, under the present rules, no schools will be able to opt-in to become grant-maintained, in spite of the provision made in the bill.

The remedy is simple. The secretary of state has to decide to accept into the maintained system a school that meets his criteria where there is parental demand for that school, even if this means closing down places parents do not want, or transferring those places to the management of a new foundation. He can do that, either through an amendment to the education bill in the House of Lords, or by issuing a regulation subsequent to the passage of the bill.

John Patten can have more schools with spiritual values, as he says he wants, but he has to change his house-rules to achieve it.

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As GCSEs and A levels approach, how can parents best help?

Nag, nag, nag . . . it's the exam season again

If you are a parent it may be hard to accept the advice that "parents should be seen and not heard", but for your offspring it could make the difference between doing well in exams and failing.

It is that time of year again, when the revision programme should begin — although many students might think that there is plenty of time, and tomorrow is still a feasible alternative. An early surge into action is to be preferred, while remedial action can still be taken. The pressure increases as the examination dates draw closer.

Parents can offer encouragement, care, attention, tea and sympathy — but they mustn't nag. "You can take your horse to water, but you can't make it drink." This thought should be uppermost as they fulfil their role as anxious parents who want only to help.

Most schools and colleges encourage a planned approach to revision. Some even provide notes to help students to find the best way for them to organise their final exam preparations. Each student will find his or her own best method to remember facts and figures. Some methods are tried and tested, but they may not suit everyone.

Being organised is of paramount importance. Students should have a planned revision programme. They should find out what topics are to be examined, by consulting the syllabus book for this year's examination, and practise on past papers so as to become familiar with the types of questions asked and accustomed to completing the papers in the time allowed.

They should know where and when the examinations are being held, and when required should take instruments and equipment — and a spare calculator.

They should know the rules of the exam and not be tempted to break them, and should make sure they are comfortable in the exam room. They should take six deep breaths before starting the exam, and have a piece of chocolate to boost their energy — but should not eat sweets which might disturb others.

Research shows that candidates can be divided into "planners" and "rushers". Planners do better. Rushers do the wrong questions, because they have not developed a strategy. Candidates should read the exam paper carefully and choose which questions to attempt. There is time allowed for this. They should not spend too much time on any one question, and should know how much time is available before entering the exam room.

They must never leave the exam room early. Any spare time can be used for checking the work completed. But when they do leave, it is best to avoid post-mortem examinations. Nothing can be done afterwards to influence the marks, but there is a lot to do to influence the marks on the next paper. That is where the candidates' efforts should be directed.

So it is back home again to anxious parents. They are under pressure too. Spare them a thought. They can spoil their little cherubs, and make sure that they don't have additional pressures at this difficult time. But it will make life easier for all concerned if students are understanding too. They shouldn't be secretive about their preparation, and might share their plans with their parents. If there are things they don't understand, they should ask their teachers. Even a parent or guardian might be able to help. Two heads are better than one, even when one of them belongs to a parent. Together they can succeed. But not without really trying.

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Lessons in nuts and bolts

Technology teaching has been under fire for not being practical. Now the proposed remedies are being questioned too

Technology was to be the pride and joy of the national curriculum, an earnest of the government's modernising intent. Britain would be the first country in the world to make the subject compulsory from five to 16.

The reality has so far proved to be less spectacular. Teachers and industrialists were so united in their criticism of a muddled and incoherent curriculum that ministers were forced to order a rewrite.

Even that has failed to satisfy all the doubters, however. A report published yesterday by an influential research institute offers a gloomy view both of existing standards and the likely impact of the changes in the subject.

The National Institute of Economic and Social Research has been in the forefront of the debate over technical education, both in schools and in the training packages provided for firms. Professor Sig Prais, the joint author of yesterday's report, first raised concerns about technology lessons in 1991.

In the latest study, school inspectors and head teachers joined a team from the institute to compare British practice with that in Switzerland, Germany and The Netherlands. Their overall conclusion was that the subject was much more practical on the Continent — and was likely to remain so if the current proposals for the curriculum are accepted.

This verdict comes only a week after Her Majesty's Inspectorate identified technology as the only one of the four "core" curriculum subjects in which standards were not rising. Although almost all pupils were found to enjoy their lessons, much of the work was undemanding and standards low.

The inspectors judged four out of ten design and technology lessons in secondary schools and more than a quarter in primary schools to be unsatisfactory. Many teachers were still uncertain about what constituted design and technology,

Out of line? Britain's approach to technology is under attack

while few staff were able to teach the full range of higher-level work in the subject.

Professor Prais and his team found the continental comparison both instructive and unflattering to the British model for technology teaching. Their report says that 20 years ago the teaching of practical subjects was "recognisably similar" in all the countries. Although standards may still have been unsatisfactory, woodwork, metalwork and home economics, for example, catered for much the same market internationally. Pupils who were mostly not academic were offered something closer to their interests and career needs.

While that remains the case on the Continent, the British attempt to develop technology as an umbrella for practical subjects to be taken by all pupils has sent schools in a different direction. The intellectual content has increased and design has been emphasised at the expense of practical skills.

Where Swiss, German and Dutch lessons observed by the institute team were "predominantly devoted to the careful making of useful objects", in Britain pupils' time was spent "speculating and writing about a general theme or problem area". The Continental curriculum was designed to provide general work skills, while in Britain the emphasis was on creativity and imagination.

Continental employers consider the teaching of basic skills to be prerequisites for successful vocational training. But the institute team found that this has been squeezed out in Britain, partly as a result of the national curriculum.

When the consultation period on the revised curriculum ends next week, ministers will have to decide whether their proposals will be enough to turn the tide. The Engineering Council which was one of the loudest voices demanding a more practical approach, is broadly satisfied. Its submission to John Patten, the education secretary, suggested detailed changes to the proposals, but welcomed the "sharper focus" given to the subject.

Dr John Williams, the council's education executive, says: "There will be a much more practical base to the subject, and we think it is a major step forward. Firms have no desire to put the clock back and revive old-style woodwork and metalwork."

However, Professor Prais and his co-author, Helvia Bierhoff, are far from convinced. "The theoretical underpinnings are unchanged so technology will remain a 'discovery subject'. The new curriculum fudges the issue and will not make practical work a positive part of the school process, as it is on the Continent."

The institute's report argues that another curriculum review will be needed before long. It calls for a further increase in the practical content of the subject and a concentration on the needs of the less academic pupil.

With the home economics lobby also unhappy at the balance of the new curriculum and many schools expressing bitter dissatisfaction with the first technology tests for 14 year olds, consensus remains a distant prospect.

JOHN O'LEARY

Case involving bank must be strong

Polly Peck International plc v Nadir (No 3)

Before Lord Justice Glidewell, Lord Justice McCowan and Lord Justice Hoffmann

[Judgment March 17]

To justify the invocation of extra-territorial jurisdiction against a foreign bank, a sufficiently strong case had to be shown.

Where it was alleged that the bank had knowingly assisted in the commission of an alleged fraud or knowingly received money paid in breach of fiduciary duty, it had to be shown that there was a good arguable case for saying that the bank should have asked questions about why the money was passing through its account. A large increase in the scale of the transactions alone was not a sufficient reason for the bank to question the transactions.

The Court of Appeal so stated in allowing an appeal, by a majority, Lord Justice McCowan dissenting, by the Central Bank of the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus from the refusal of Mr Justice Knox to discharge an order giving leave for it to be served out of the jurisdiction on an application by the plaintiffs, Polly Peck International plc, a company formerly controlled by the first defendant, Mr Asil Nadir.

Mr Philip Heslop, QC and Mr Richard Millett for the Central Bank; Mr Nicholas Chambers, QC, Mr Leslie Kosmin and Miss Sandra Bristoll for Polly Peck.

LORD JUSTICE HOFFMANN said that Polly Peck's administrators claimed that Mr Nadir had fraudulently misappropriated some £371 million.

The claim against the Central Bank related to some £45 million of that money which had passed through an account maintained by the Central Bank with the Midland Bank in London.

In substance it was said that Mr Nadir had used the Central Bank as a conduit to divert Polly Peck's money to friendly hands in Northern Cyprus or elsewhere and that the Central Bank must have known that he was doing so.

For the purposes of the application, it was accepted that Mr Nadir owed a fiduciary duty to Polly Peck and that the payments to the Central Bank were in breach of that duty. The question was how much the bank knew or ought to have know about the alleged fraud.

His Lordship was not impressed by the scale of the transfers: £3.6 million in 1988, £17.6 million in 1989 and £22.5 million in 1990. That had to be compared with the Polly Peck audited turnover in the Turkish lira zone in 1988 and 1989 of £330 million and £405 million respectively.

The evidence on which Mr Chambers most strongly relied as a badge of fraud was the scale of the cash withdrawals in 1990. Until December 1989 the monthly net cash drawings did not exceed £350,000. In December 1989 they rose to £633,000 and in April and June 1990 they exceeded £1 million.

But more cash might have been needed because Polly Peck and the Nadir businesses were expanding into an area, construction, in which cash payments in local currency were the norm. The Central Bank might have wondered what kind of business Polly Peck or Mr Nadir was pursuing but there were no grounds for saying it should have suspected dishonesty.

The Governor of the Central Bank in his first affidavit said that he would have expected that Polly Peck was financing the citrus export business of a subsidiary, Sunzest.

The administrators replied with statistics showing that the transfers greatly exceeded what would be needed for that purpose.

In a later affidavit, the governor suggested a large number of activities, which could have accounted for the payments.

The first affidavit was produced under some pressure and in all the circumstances an adverse inference should not be drawn from the fact that the governor's hypothetical explanation was inadequate.

The evidence adduced by Polly Peck did not by itself pass the threshold of persuasion necessary for service out and that deficiency was not made good by any inference which could be drawn from any evidence given or not given by the Central Bank or the lack of co-operation on the part of Mr Nadir.

LORD JUSTICE McCOWAN, dissenting, said that the first point for Polly Peck was the sheer scale of the funds which were moved to organisations controlled by Mr Nadir in Northern Cyprus.

It could reasonably have been expected that the Central Bank would have been put on enquiry as to what could have been the purpose in transferring such large sums from a hard currency, sterling, into a soft currency, Turkish lira.

The plaintiff's case did not rest on its evidence because the Central Bank had chosen to put various answers on affidavit before the court. When in answer to his first affidavit it was pointed out to the governor of the Central Bank that the funds transferred were more than enough to buy the whole of Northern Cyprus's citrus crop he accepted that his first explanation could not be right and, in a later affidavit, said that Polly Peck had many other businesses in Northern Cyprus, such as a construction company.

However, an affidavit sworn by an assistant solicitor of the firm representing the Central Bank, exhibited a schedule showing the destination of the funds transferred, the vast majority of the withdrawals going to Sunzest Trading and very little to Pearl Construction.

In particular, his Lordship noted the frequency in the closing months with which sums of £1 million went to Sunzest Trading. It seemed that the governor's first explanation of where the money was going was right but that that destination could not be legitimately be justified.

His Lordship referred to other inconsistencies in the governor's evidence and said there was a strong indication that he had not been candid or accurate in a context highly relevant to what, if any, action he had at an earlier stage been prepared to take to arrive at the truth of what was going on.

When the evidence given by the Central Bank was added to that of the plaintiff there was a "good arguable case". He would therefore dismiss the appeal.

LORD JUSTICE GLIDEWELL said that taking into account the inconsistencies in the bank governor's evidence which had been drawn to the attention of the court and the lack of evidence of results from the enquiries instituted by the Central Bank and the government of Northern Cyprus, it was nevertheless his view that the defendants' evidence did not of itself entitle the court to conclude that the bank, at the material time, had in its possession information which ought to have put it on enquiry, which it was now seeking to conceal.

He would therefore allow the appeal, set aside the order giving leave, and dismiss the action against the Central Bank.

Solicitors: Theodore Goddard; Alsop Wilkinson.

Right of way restricted by size

White and Another v Richards

Before Lord Justice Nourse, Lord Justice Stuart-Smith and Lord Justice Mann

[Judgment March 12]

A right of passage along a track to "pass and repass on foot and with or without motor vehicles" was to be restricted by the physical characteristics of the track with the result that its use by unauthorised vehicles or its excessive use by authorised vehicles was unlawful.

However, the grant of the right in such terms permitted the use of the track by horses, ridden or led, and included the right to lead, but not to drive, cows and other animals.

The Court of Appeal so held in allowing to a minimal extent an appeal by the defendant, Mr Rodney Richards, from the judgment of Judge Gareth Edwards, QC, given in Warrington County Court in September 1991 granting the plaintiffs, Mr and Mrs William White, an injunction limiting the defendant's use of his right of way over their land and awarding them damages for trespass of £2,670.

Mr William Ainger for the the defendant; Mr Simon Stirling for the plaintiffs.

LORD JUSTICE NOURSE said that the dispute was about a private right of way created by express grant.

The main question was whether a right of passage with motor vehicles, unrestricted in its terms, was nevertheless restricted by the physical characteristics of the way.

Further questions related to the excessive use of the vehicular right and as to the extent of the right of passage with animals.

The nature and extent of such a right depended on the intention of the parties as ascertained from the words of the grant read in the light of the surrounding circumstances.

The physical characteristics of the way were sometimes decisive but the popularisation of the internal combustion engine and increases in commercial and residential development had united to give rise to frequent disputes over vehicular rights of way.

The unlawful use of such a right might consist either in its use by unauthorised vehicles or excessive use by authorised vehicles.

The defendant, on purchasing 22 acres of agricultural land at Glazebrook, Warrington, became entitled under a 1987 deed of conveyance to the benefit of a right "at all times hereafter to pass and repass on foot and with or without motor vehicles" along some 250 metres of track, 2·7 metres wide, belonging to the plaintiffs. The plaintiffs' bungalow faced that track and was no more than nine feet away from it.

Difficulties arose over the defendant's use of the track. Judge Edwards found him to have committed "many acts of arrogant disregard for anybody's rights except his own".

Accepting the plaintiffs' description of the way as no more than a dirt track, Judge Edwards said that he was bound to declare a restriction on the vehicles using it.

He found that in 1989 on average 14 to 16 heavy lorries used it daily. It was, he said, never intended to take juggernaut lorries and could not be improved to carry them.

In his order, the judge had set out the physical characteristics of the track and had declared that:

1 Its use was for pedestrians and vehicles but not livestock except horses led by a person on foot or dogs walked by lead;

2 Vehicles were to be restricted to those having an overall width not exceeding nine feet and a laden weight not exceeding 10 tons, and

3 The user was not to be such as unreasonably to interfere with the rights of any other person to use it.

He dismissed the defendant's counterclaim for a declaration that he was entitled to a right of way for all agricultural purposes carried out on his land.

Relying primarily on *Keefe v Amor* ([1965] 1 QB 334), Mr Ainger had criticised the judge's rigid adherence to the physical characteristics of the track in 1987. The reservation, he said, was a right over and along the general route of the track and should be presumed to include both the worn track and reasonable verges sufficient for all agricultural user.

The submissions were rejected. The judge was right to focus on "the track". Moreover by his reliance on *Todrick v Western National Omnibus Co Ltd* ([1934] Ch 561) he had given himself an impeccable direction as to the test to be applied. *Keefe v Amor* was a very different case.

The relief granted was essentially a matter within the discretion of the judge.

Doubtless he had thought that it was preferable, although perhaps unusual, to do so in precise form so that the parties would know where they stood. His decision on the main question should be affirmed.

Further, the judge had good grounds for finding excessive user of the track and for making the first declaration.

However, the judge's declaration permitting passage with animals was to be varied. A right of way with motor vehicles included a right with horse-drawn carriages and carts and, as Mr Justice Heath had said in *Ballard v Dyson* ((1808) 1 Taunt 285) "a carriage way will comprehend a horse way, but not a draft way".

Thus the right of way here included a right with horse-drawn carriages and carts, and with horses, whether ridden or led. Similarly, it included a right to lead, although not to drive, cows and other animals on foot. To that minimal extent only the appeal should be allowed.

Lord Justice Stuart-Smith and Lord Justice Mann agreed.

Solicitors: Furness Evans (Lees, Manchester; Neil Myerson & Co, Altrincham.

Whether theft is a continuous offence

Regina v Atakpu and Another

Before Lord Justice Stuart-Smith, Mr Justice Ward and Mr Justice May

[Judgment March 15]

Stolen goods were not stolen again each time that the thief exercised rights of ownership over the property.

The Court of Appeal, Criminal Division, so held in a reserved judgment allowing the appeals of Austin Atakpu and Alister Victor Abrahams against their conviction at Maidstone Crown Court (Judge Simpson and a jury) on May 10, 1991 of conspiracy to steal.

Mr James Cartwright, assigned by the Registrar of Criminal Appeals, for the appellants; Mr Anthony Webb for the Crown.

MR JUSTICE WARD, giving the judgment of the court, said that the appellants had embarked upon a scheme to hire expensive motor cars abroad, have them driven into the United Kingdom and then, after ringing the changes to the vehicles, to sell them on to unsuspecting purchasers.

Mr Cartwright had argued that the hire company had been induced by the appellants' fraud to part with the cars and that accordingly there had been an appropriation of the cars abroad.

The judge had therefore been wrong to withdraw from the jury consideration of whether the appropriation had been a dishonest one made with the intention of permanently depriving the company, and if so whether the theft had been commited abroad.

In the light of the decision of the House of Lords in *R v Gomez* (*The Times* December 8, 1992; [1992] 3 WLR 1067) that unattractive submission was undoubtedly correct.

So interesting questions arose as to (i) whether the theft committed abroad continued within the jurisdiction so that it could be established here by the retention of the car after the hire period had expired, or by ringing the changes or by some other fresh appropriation; (ii) whether the cars stolen abroad could be stolen again, and again and again, within the jurisdiction each time an appropriation of them was made.

While the court saw the logic of the argument that if there were several appropriations each one could constitute a separate theft, it flinched from reaching that conclusion.

The answer lay in section 3(1) of the Theft Act 1968. If a person came by property by stealing it, then his later dealing with the property was, by implication, not included among the assumptions of the right of an owner which amounted to an appropriation. Section 3(1) had to apply whether the stealing occurred in England and Wales or elsewhere and it did not matter that an indictment would not lie in respect of theft abroad.

Hence it followed, in the court's judgment, that if goods had once been stolen they could not be stolen again by the same thief exercising the same or other rights of ownership over the property.

The court found it more difficult to answer the first question it had posed as to whether or not theft was a continuous offence.

On a strict reading of *Gomez* any dishonest assumption of the rights of the owner made with the necessary intention constituted theft and that left little room for a continuous course of action.

The court would not wish that to be the law. Such restriction and rigidity might lead to technical anomalies and injustice.

The court would prefer to leave it for the common sense of the jury to decide that the appropriation could continue for so long as the thief could sensibly be regarded as in the act of stealing or, in other more understandable words, so long as he was "on the job".

Since the matter was not strictly necessary for its decision, the court would leave it open for further argument.

It was not necessary to decide because no jury, properly directed, could have reasonably arrived at the conclusion that the theft of the motor cars was still continuing days after the appellants had first taken them. The theft had been completed abroad and the thieves could not have stolen again in England.

Solicitors: Crown Prosecution Service, Maidstone.

Secretly taped cell conversation admissible

Regina v Bailey
Regina v Smith

Before Lord Justice Simon Brown, Mr Justice Popplewell and Mr Justice Rattee

[Judgment March 11]

Incriminating evidence which was obtained by tape recording conversations between two accused men while they were sharing a cell in a police station was admissible in evidence.

The Court of Appeal, Criminal Division, so held in dismissing appeals by Jason Gregory Bailey against his conviction on three counts of robbery and Steven Simon Smith against his conviction on a single count of robbery at Nottingham Crown Court (Judge Astill and a jury) following the judge's decision to admit tape recordings of a conversations between the two appellants made while they were held in custody in a bugged cell.

Mr Gavin Merrylees for Bailey; Mr James A. D. Wood for Smith, both assigned by the Registrar of Criminal Appeals; Mr Peter Joyce, QC, for the Crown.

LORD JUSTICE SIMON BROWN, giving the judgment of the court, said that the police asked for a remand in police custody for the stated purpose of putting the appellants up for an identification parade.

Upon the appellants' arrival back at the police station the police were intent upon putting them into the same cell and intent upon allaying any suspicion they might have about the cell being bugged. To that end they acted out a scene whereby they pretended that, so far from the investigating officers being anxious to put both men into the same cell, that was in fact contrary to their wishes and forced upon them by an unco-operative custody officer.

The appellants were entirely fooled by the officers' play acting. Lulled into a false sense of security they then embarked upon a series of conversations which contained a number of most damning admissions.

Mr Wood had submitted that under section 128(8)(a) of the Magistrates' Courts Act 1980 a person should not be kept in police custody unless there was a need for him to be so detained for the purposes of enquiries into other offences and that the words "other offences" should be construed restrictively, to extend only to offences wholly unrelated to those already charged.

Where, as here, the accused were already charged with an offence, conspiracy to rob, which was itself apt to encompass a number of individual robberies, then those individual robberies could not properly be regarded as "other offences" within the meaning of the section.

The court disagreed. It was not merely unnecessary but would be quite artificial to construe the provision in the way contended for.

The court also rejected the argument that the justices had been misled in being given only one reason, the intention to hold an identification parade, for requesting a remand in police custody without making reference also to the subsidiary reason, the desire to put the appellants together in a bugged cell.

It was hardly necessary to point out that to have announced the subsidiary reason would have been to destroy it.

But that aside, section 128(8)(a) required no more than that the justices be told whatever was directly pertinent to the question whether a need existed for the accused to be detained at a police station for the purposes of enquiries into other offences.

In the particular circumstances of the instant case, it was accordingly neither necessary nor appropriate to have indicated to the justices more than the police's desire to hold identification parades to see whether the men could be identified in relation to specific robberies.

Nor were the police under a positive duty to inform the appellant's solicitors of their plan to bug the cell.

Mr Wood also submited that there had been a breach of section 36(5) of the Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1984 which provided that none of the functions of a custody officer should be performed by an officer who was involved in the investigation of an offence for which the person was being detained and of paragraph 8.1 of Code C of the *Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1984 (s.66) Codes of Practice* (second edition (1991)) which provided that so far as practicable no more than one person should be detained in each cell.

The court found no force in those submissions. It seemed wholly unreal to regard the custody officer as statutorily debarred from co-operating in the way he did with the investigating officers. He did not thereby allow them to usurp his functions.

Nor was there a breach of paragraph C.8.1: given that it was not otherwise unlawful to use the stratagem, the men clearly had to be placed in the same cell.

The court rejected Mr Merrylees' argument that the practice followed undermined the spirit of Code C and in particular the appellants' right to silence.

Of course the appellants at the relevant time could not properly have been subject to further police questioning. But that was not to say that they had to be protected from any opportunity to speak incriminatingly to each other if they chose to do so.

The argument broke down at the point where it sought to equate voluntarily talking to each other with making involuntary statements to the police.

The court rejected the argument that *R v Ali* (*The Times* February 19, 1991), which was binding on the court, could be distinguished on the facts. Nor only was the court bound by the principles in that case but it saw no reason to decry the police's conduct in the instant case nor to doubt the essential fairness of that evidence being held admissible.

Manifestly it was not a stratagem to be used with frequency, nothing would more obviously be self-defeating; it should only be used in grave cases. And manifestly nothing should be done oppressively or so as to render unreliable any admissions made, grounds in either case for objection under section 76 of the 1984 Act.

But where, as here, very serious crimes had been committed and where there had never been the least suggestion that the covertly taped confessions were oppressively obtained or other than wholly reliable, it seemed hardly surprising that the trial judge exercised his undoubted discretion in the manner he did.

Solicitors: CPS, Nottingham.

Putting alternative charge to jury

Regina v Harris

Before Lord Justice Steyn, Mr Justice Rougier and Mr Justice Laws

[Judgment March 2]

Where an alternative charge was to be put to the jury, that should be done as early as possible. When it was left until after the close of the defendant's evidence and it was impossible for the defendant's counsel to say with any confidence that he would not have run his examination-in-chief or his re-examination differently the conviction was unsafe.

The Court of Appeal, Criminal Division, so held in quashing the conviction on May 8, 1992 of Royston Peter Harris at Lewes Crown Court (Mr Justice Hirst and a jury) for attempted rape. He had been sentenced to three years imprisonment.

Mr Henry Spooner, assigned by the Registrar of Criminal Appeals, for the appellant defendant; Mr Christopher Smyth for the prosecution.

LORD JUSTICE STEYN, delivering the judgment of the court, said the judge had allowed a prosecution application, made after the close of the defendant's case but before closing speeches, to put an alternative offence of attempted rape when the indictment had contained only the full offence and it was on that basis that the prosecution had put its case.

While there was no doubt that the judge had a discretion to allow alternative offences to be put, it had to be exercised in the light of all relavant circumstances and one of the most critical was timing. The later such an application came the more dangerous it became to allow it.

The principle was that it was appropriate only if it would cause no risk to the defendant and allowed him a full opportunity deal with it.

Here it might be said that the defendant could deal with all the relevant changes because the alternative charge was put before the closing speeches but Mr Spooner had said that if the alternative had been put at an earlier stage he would have put his case in a different way.

He would have discussed the change with the defendant and it was impossible to say how it would have affected his conduct of the case and what questions might have been put, either in chief or in re-examination. His Lordship would endorse *Blackstone's Criminal Practice* (2nd edition (1992) p1318) where it was said that the defendant had to have a full opportunity of meeting the revised case against him to ensure that he was not prejudiced.

The court was not satisfied that putting the alternative charge at that late stage had not affected the way defence counsel had put his case.

Solicitors: Crown Prosecution Service, Lewes.

Agreeing evidence

Warner v Jones

Where there was a large number of medical reports in a personal injury case in which the same points were being covered again and again, it would a great benefit for the parties, and still more so for the court, if medical evidence were agreed beforehand.

Judge Sumner, sitting as a judge of the Queen's Bench Division, so stated on February 25 when giving judgment for the plaintiff in his claim for damages for personal injuries against the defendant.

HIS LORDSHIP said there were 15 medical reports. More than 50 pages of medical evidence had been put before the court.

It seemed entirely unnecessary to proceed through all that material, much of which was repeating what had been said elsewhere, for the purposes of the judgment.

It would be beneficial if notice could be taken that it would be a great benefit to the parties and a very great benefit for the court if medical evidence could be agreed rather than run in parallel.

Only prohibited work affected

Regina v Dhar

The terms of section 90 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1971 made it plain that a stop notice could prohibit only that work which if continued would be in breach of planning control.

The Court of Appeal (Lord Justice Russell, Mr Justice Morland and Mr Justice Mantell) so held on March 12 in allowing an appeal by Nazir Ahmed Dhar against his conviction in September 1991 at Wood Green Crown Court (Mr Recorder Giovene) of contravening a stop notice and permitting the contravention of a stop notice contrary to section 187(1) of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990.

LORD JUSTICE RUSSELL said that the concluding words of subsection (1) made it plain that the prohibition related and related only to carrying out of "that activity on the land or any part of it specified in the stop notice", "that activity" being the activity which constituted the breach of planning control.In this case the stop notice purported to prohibit "the activity specified in Schedule 2". Schedule 2 embraced all operational development on the site. It was not confined, as in their Lordships' judgment it ought to have been, to that part of the work the continuation of which would be in breach of the planning permission.

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THEATRE: Will a singing detective help Bristol's troubled Old Vic? **Benedict** Nightingale reports

The case of the Cockney musical: Roy Barraclough as Watson and Robert Powell as Holmes in the Bristol Old Vic production of Leslie Bricusse's *Sherlock Holmes*

All too elementary, my dear Watson

For a moment I was not so sorry that the house-lights had gone down in that most elegant of 18th-century playhouses, Bristol's Theatre Royal. On the stage were two beetling crags, two shadowy figures, and a palpitating white cloth, representing a waterfall. "So, Moriarty, the game is up." "What game, Holmes?" "Your game, your life of crime." "The world is too small to contain both of us." And down they tumbled into the stage smoke and artificial spray, giving Leslie Bricusse's *Sherlock Holmes — The Musical* an opening that was more enjoyably theatrical than anything that followed.

In some ways the opening also seemed a good metaphor for the predicament of Andrew Hay, artistic director of the Bristol Old Vic, which comprises both the Royal and the smaller New Vic. Some 15 months ago he left Bolton's Octagon Theatre — where he had many successes, especialy with musical work aimed at the young — in order to take over a playhouse with grand traditions and a conserative audience. And he did so at a time when it was in serious financial trouble. There must have been occasions when he felt he was teetering above an abyss, doing battle with two or three Moriartys at once.

First, there is the Arts Council, unhappy that the area's local authorities refuse to match its £520,000 grant and all too likely to retaliate by reducing it. Then there are Bristol City and Avon County councils, suspicious that the Theatre Royal is out of touch with the average punter and, thanks also to huge budget cuts, disinclined to give it more than a joint £200,000 or so. Yet four years ago the Arts Council's own survey suggested that the theatre was underfunded by £250,000. How was and is Hay to avoid his own Reichenbach Falls?

In 1992, he began bravely and, as he concedes, a bit foolhardily. He assembled a company of actors, a rare event in regional rep these days. He re-opened the New Vic to home-grown work. The number of productions rose from seven in 1991 to 18. In the Royal there was a *Romeo and Juliet* with a black hero, as well as Howard Brenton's sprawling epic *Epsom Downs* and an adaptation of Dennis Potter's *Blue Remembered Hills*. Leather jackets and purple hairdos crowded in for Catherine Johnson's play about 1970s music, *Too Much Too Young*; but the suits and ties were less happy, and made their feelings known.

So Hay retreated, retrenched, and is now reassembling his internal and external resources. He remains convinced that "there's thunder under the Bristol pavements, a voice and an energy wanting to be let out". But a smaller and less radical 1993 season recognises that, unless he makes haste slowly, there may not be a 1994 season at all. Trevor Griffiths's new *Thatcher's Children* — unlikely to be flattering to our former PM — is on its way, but so is Coward's *Blithe Spirit*. And now there is *Sherlock Holmes*, which has been co-produced with a commercial impresario and will tour for 28 weeks after Bristol.

If he is tempted to identify with Holmes, Hay can take consolation in the fact that Holmes survives both his killer-fall and his capture by a Moriarty family. But it is pretty clear that economic, not artistic, necessity explains the show's presence. Moreover, *Sherlock Holmes — The Musical* is about as likely a notion as *Einstein — The Clogdance*. There is something preposterous about so cerebral a hero bursting into song like (of his symbiotic relationship with Moriarty) "without him there'd be no me . . . without evil there'd be no good of great degree".

Bricusse's plot involves the attempts of his old enemy's black-shrouded widow (Marilyn Cash) and beautiful red-clad daughter (a more English) to frame Robert Powell's Holmes for murder. That the police pathologist concludes that the alleged victim died of diptheria, not knife-wounds, does not prevent an envious Inspector Lestrade pursuing Holmes through a London thickly peopled with over-age Artful Dodgers and dancing Sam Weller clones.

Meanwhile, the great detective, forlornly followed by Roy Barraclough's pudgy Watson, disguises himself as a costermonger and leads the cast in a song about rhyming slang. "Sherlock Holmes as usual has got us in awe," chorus his chums. "He's doing what he's best at, running rings around the Law."

Bricusse's lyrics have not exactly winged down from the Elysian Fields, and his music sometimes has the galumphing sound that seems *de rigueur* when Cockneys are leaping about the stage. And isn't the day long gone when a friendly reference to the metropolis means that everybody must jollamly sing "London is London and London is all that I need"? But Bricusse's quieter melodies have a more sophisticated lilt, and there are one or two other pluses in Bob Tomson's always energetic production, notably Mick Bearwish's versatile, Hammerside set and Powell himself, who manages to remain cheerful, incisive, cool and plausible throughout. He leads from the front — but what is he leading, and where is he leading the Theatre Royal to?

OPERA

All down to a hell of a good snigger

Orpheus in the Underworld
Alexandra, Birmingham

A historic occasion for the first time the entire operetta by the team D'Oyly Carte is credited to that of a composer other than Sullivan. Last century, of course, it was out of Richard D'Oyly Carte's promotion of Offenbach that the Gilbert and Sullivan partnership grew, and it seemed to see the association renewed. The programme for the D'Oyly Carte Company's 24-date tour of *Orpheus* and *The Pirates of Penzance* contains an authentic source, inviting suggestions for further operettas of the repertory — Lehar, Strauss, Jo-ele, forward. For a brief moment, the old-time enjoyment of the Victorian music company was overwhelming. Is it Offenbach or Lehar? Boots for the chorus girls are the style of this was a hint.

This *Orpheus* is a co-production with Opera North, and it is now even better than when John Higgins praised it in these pages last year when it was new in Leeds. Martin Duncan has honed the comic style of his zany, swift-moving production, expunging outbreaks of fake "ooh-la-la" and replacing them with a defiantly tatty vulgarity that is both uproarious and absolutely authentic. Equally authentic is the vulgarity, nay, near-obscenity of Jeremy Sams's brilliant translation, whose double meanings are a field day for those with dirty minds. It is only sad that changes in school curricula mean that so many witty classical allusions pass by unheeded (Actaeon — "he's such a dear").

The cast-changes are nearly all for the better. Mary Hegarty's beady, liltingly Hibernian Eurydice. David Fieldsend's feckless Brummie Orpheus, Jean Watts's formidable Public Opinion, Gaston Dongois's mummy's boy John Styt, that old Mill, of Amanda all are wonderfully confident in their performances. If Barry Banks and Peter Lacks the stuffy insouciance of his predecessor Alan Opie, he has a bit going for him in being a dead ringer for Rudolph the star tenor of *Only Fools and Horses*.

Both new singers and the conductor John Owen Edwards underscore the Offenbach: his fortissimo, period rock-solid in the Prelude was a little miracle of musical wit and just slightly sinister sense of Dionysian intoxication. Edwards's conducting, together with Steve Goff's choreography and the robust choral singing, invested the Act 1 finale and the infernal Galop with an infectious frenzy. Send for Mary Whitehouse before things get out of hand.

There is one big but easily solvable problem: the orchestral sound on Thursday was about four times too loud. Offenbach's operettas are as text-led as Sullivan's — D'Oyly Carte, of all companies, should know this. Far too many of the lyrics were drowned. Otherwise, audiences on the tour are in for a rare treat, an evening of pure pleasure. Heaven alone knows, that is what we all need, if not deserve.

RODNEY MILNES

Devil may care: the D'Oyly Carte Opera Company production of Offenbach's *Orpheus in the Underworld*

Christie Hickman talks to a writer fascinated by the story of a painter and his mistress

Portrait of a tragic passion

For the past six years, novelist and playwright Patrice Chaplin has been sharing her life with the painter Modigliani and his last mistress Jeanne Hébuterne. What originally began as a shiver of empathy when she read about their tragic affair in the dog-eared pages of a hospital waiting-room magazine has since turned into a novel (*Forget Me Not*), a biography of Jeanne (*Into the Darkness Laughing*), a stage play in progress, and now a radio play which focuses on Jeanne's story.

Modigliani arrived in Paris from Italy in 1906 — a charismatic but irascible genius whose talent was doomed to be largely unrecognised until after his death. In poor health, and defeated by a spiral of indifference and failure, he became increasingly dependent on drink and drugs. By the time he met 19-year-old Jeanne, who was 13 years his junior, he was a broken man and dying.

She fell passionately in love, and although a talented artist in her own right, gave up everything (including the approval of her Catholic family) to encourage and take care of him. On January 24 1920, aged 35, Modigliani died of tubercular meningitis. The next day Jeanne, who was nine months pregnant with their second child, fell from a window in her parents' house and also died. They had spent that last week alone, hungry and penniless, abandoned by everyone. Chaplin is convinced that they made a death pact.

Jeanne Hébuterne (left) as painted by Modigliani: a talented artist herself, she gave up everything for him

but it is the neglect they suffered that has continued to haunt her.

Determined to unravel the facts, she sought out surviving relatives and acquaintances in Paris and in Haute de Cagnes in the south of France where Jeanne and Modigliani lived between 1918 and 1919. Chaplin was appalled at the way Jeanne had been dismissed by biographers as a vacuous, morbid, clinging incompetent — a savage distortion of the truth.

"In Paris I went to the studio where he died, and I had this overwhelming feeling that they'd gone through agony, that it was almost a purgatorial time. The studio has been empty for years. Nina Hamnett lived there soon after he died and always said she could hear him walking about, and various people who live in the building told me they'd heard unexplained noises. I learned a lot about other people's feelings, but what I wanted in my play was Jeanne's voice telling us what it was really like."

One of Chaplin's most fortuitous breaks was finding the daughter of Jeanne's closest friend, Germaine Labaye, who was able to provide evidence through Jeanne's letters, family papers, photographs and drawings of a strong, intelligent, life-loving woman who was more than a match for the intellect of Modigliani.

The trail led on to cousins and grandchildren, to the Hébuterne family and to the husband of Jeanne's daughter ("the orphan of the tragedy") who had died in 1984. They were all getting old and felt it was time to talk. "Jeanne's death was a horrible stain on all their lives."

Chaplin reluctantly concedes now that her commitment to her subject might owe more than a little to powers beyond her control. She tells a story of finding herself in Haute de Cagnes soon after writing *Forget Me Not*. "I was going to Marseilles and then on to Spain for Salvador Dali's funeral, but I got on the wrong train and ended up in Toulon, unable to get to Spain until the next day. The conductor said they'd stop the train for us at Cagnes-sur-Mer, where we could find a hotel, and we got off at the very spot where Jeanne and Modigliani had lived in 1918. So much new material came to light from that chance visit that I knew I had to write the biography."

Chaplin is no stranger to passionate attachments. She ran away from home when she was 15 and for many years lived a footloose life in Europe and America as an actress, model and writer. All her books are dispatches from the wilder shores of experience — territory she and Jeanne Hébuterne may have shared.

"I did feel through my research that I formed a special relationship with Jeanne. I felt I was recovering someone who was about to disappear into the mists of time. Writing the play has been like bringing her back to life, showing her in her true light."

● *Into the Darkness Laughing is on Radio 4 tonight at 7.45pm.*

TELEVISION REVIEW

Grim scenes on the road to ruin

If there is a sadder programme to debate this year than The Beginner's Guide to the State We're In (BBC 2, last night), I don't want to see it. It's also as simple as shooting a pretty past some ghastly accident and gawping at the victims lying in the gutter. I suppose this ghastly accident is called Great Britain.

The man gawping at the victims was the young Belfast novelist Robert Harris, author of *The Ghost* — a study of contemporary politics that makes Orwell's *The Road to Wigan Pier* read like Enid Blyton. For this occasion, Wilson had [illegible] a producer-director from the MacCormack stable, a month to research and write it, and its most grim.

Their thesis was that we could drive around and find deprivation everywhere. Well, they didn't have to Hampstead or Knightsbridge, of course. They watched a family being evicted in Northampton, talked to nihilistic teenagers drinking Lager on street corners in Teesside, were taught the facts of life by young blacks in Brixton and so on. It was a real director's job, each vignette of despair punctuated by a grave voice-over that seemed permanently shrouded in a dark, dark mist.

Was it fair, balanced and objective? No, thank heavens, it was not. When was passion any of these things? Wilson espoused a harsh and perhaps overcynical view of the present government: that as long as it continued to be elected by the majority of people who are in work and relatively prosperous it was not going to give much attention to those without work, money or hope. Especially as, if you have lost all hope, you tend not to see the point of voting anyway.

Consequently, Wilson's commentary and interviewing technique were blatantly loaded. Have you heard about the trickle-down theory?" he asked ironically of a Teesside single parent with rarely enough cash to buy shoes for her child. So what was the response of HMG on full tilt, for Wilson [illegible] another treasure dove-tailed to crush the poor?

On Panorama or World in Action a government spokesman would have been given time to counterblast with a smooth volley of statistics. But not all television should be dispassionate and "balanced". Wilson presented his case subjectively and selectively, but that is how three on the bottom rung of British life see it themselves. "Where's it all gone wrong?" asked the dignified man whose family was being evicted from the council house he bought four years ago. "I can't put my finger on any one thing," in that respect, at least, he has something in common with the miracle workers of Westminster.

RICHARD MORRISON

PROSPECTS FOR BRITISH THEATRE

Revival or renewal?

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LA DAMNATION DE FAUST: Harry Kupfer's spectacular staging of Berlioz's *légende dramatique*, with the outstanding American baritone Samuel Ramey as Mephistophélès, and fellow American Jerry Hadley as Faust. Sir Colin Davis, an undisputed master of Berlioz interpretation, conducts. **Royal Opera House**, Covent Garden, WC2 (071-240 1066/1911), 8pm.

TERENCE BLANCHARD QUINTET: The gifted trumpeter, who recently composed the score for the film *Malcolm X*, has gone from strength to strength since he first made his mark as Wynton Marsalis's replacement in Art Blakey's Jazz Messengers in 1982. He is supported here by British guitarist Martin Taylor. **Ronnie Scott's**, Frith Street, W1 (071-439 0747). Tonight-Sat, 8.30pm.

JACKIE MASON — BRAND NEW: First of three performances by the clever Brooklyn stand-up comic. **Dominion**, Tottenham Court Road, W1 (071-344 4444). Tonight-Wed, 8pm.

LARRY ADLER/KLEZMER FESTIVAL BAND: The celebrated harmonica player makes a guest appearance with Gregori Schechter's band in a lively programme of Eastern European Jewish jazz, also featuring the nine-year-old violinist Alexander Sitkovetsky. The scene is set with music and bagels in the foyer beforehand (from 6pm). **Queen Elizabeth Hall**, South Bank, SE1 (071-928 8800), 7.45pm.

REGIONAL

BATH: Anita Reeves and Niall Buggy in the Gate Theatre of Dublin's celebrated production of **Juno and the Paycock** on a tour of England and Wales. **Theatre Royal**, Sawclose (0225 448844). Tonight-Wed, 7.30pm, Thurs-Sat, 8pm, mats Wed, Sat, 2.30pm.

TODAY'S EVENTS

A daily guide to arts and entertainment compiled by Kari Knight

BIRMINGHAM: Bill Alexander's confident and eloquent production of **Othello** is his first as artistic director of the Birmingham Rep. Jeffery Kissoon heads a strong cast including Hilton McRae and Alex Kingston. **Repertory Theatre**, Centenary Square (021-236 4455). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Thurs, 2.30pm, Sat, 3pm, until April 10.

BUXTON: **Scottish Opera**'s small-scale production of Mozart's opera *Seraglio*, with a cast of nine singers and one actor, under the baton of young British conductor Martyn Brabbins. **Opera House**, Water Street (0298 72190), 7.30pm.

MALVERN: Janet Suzman directs Timothy West, Sheila Allen and the Theatr Clwyd company in Miller's humane and moving play **Death of a Salesman**. The production also visits Swansea and Woking. **Festival Theatre**, Grange Road (0684 892277). Tonight-Sat, 8pm, mat Sat, 2.30pm.

NORTHAMPTON: As part of a British tour the **St Petersburg Symphony Orchestra** performs Tchaikovsky's fantasy overture from *Romeo and Juliet*, Rachmaninov's Symphony No 3 and Glazunov's Violin Concerto in A minor (with Maxim Fedotov as the soloist). Alexander Dmitriev conducts. **Derngate Theatre**, 19/21 Guildhall Road (0604 24811), 7.30pm.

POOLE: To mark the bicentenary of the death of Carlo Goldoni, his comic masterpiece *The Venetian Twins* is dramatised by **Oxford Stage Company**. Robert David Macdonald translates, Mark Brickman directs, Peter Jordan stars as both twins. **Poole Arts Centre**, Kingland Road (0202 685222). Tonight-Sat, 7.45pm, mat Sat, 4pm.

SHEFFIELD: The musical **Return to the Forbidden Planet** varied the usual formula of a compilation show by sticking a dozen hits from the Golden Years of rock 'n' roll ("Who's Sorry Now?", "Great Balls of Fire") onto the plot of the 1950 sci-fi movie — itself an updated version of *The Tempest*. The irresistible mix of great songs, Shakespeare misquotes and deliberately tacky decor kept the show running in the West End for three years, and now it tours the regions. **Lyceum Theatre**, Tudor Square (0742 769922). Mon-Fri, 7.45pm, Sat, 8.30pm, mats Thurs, 2pm, sat, 5pm.

SOUTHAMPTON: Five couples and a single parent sing and dance their way through the joys and sorrows of pregnancy in **Baby Love**, a musical by the experienced team of Richard Harris and Keith Strachan. **Nuffield**, University Road (0703 671771). Preview tonight, 7.30pm; opens tomorrow, 7.30pm; then Mon-Thurs, 7.30pm, Fri, Sat, 8pm, mat Sat (April 10), 2.30pm, until Apr 10.

THEATRE GUIDE

Jeremy Kingston's assessment of theatre showing in London

■ House full, returns only
◩ Some seats available
□ Seats at all prices

□ **THE ARTIFICE**: Roguery, pretence and true love do battle in a comedy by Mrs Centlivre, unjustly neglected female dramatist of the Restoration. **Orange Tree**, Clarence Street, Richmond (081-940 3633). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mat Sat, 4pm. 165mins. Final week.

■ **CAROUSEL**: Joanna Riding and Michael Hayden star in a triumphant revival of the Rodgers & Hammerstein fairground musical. **National (Lyttelton)**, South Bank, SE1 (071-928 2252). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed, Sat, 2.15pm. 180mins. Final week.

◩ **CRAZY FOR YOU**: Thrillingly staged new version of the Gershwin musical *Girl Crazy*. Exceptional entertainment value. **Prince Edward**, Old Compton Street, W1 (071-734 8951). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mats Thurs, Sat, 3pm. 150mins.

◩ **CYRANO DE BERGERAC**: Robert Lindsay looks right as the nasally challenged hero but the production is too bustling to give enough room to the full poignancy of his tale. **Theatre Royal**, Haymarket, SW1 (071-930 8800). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed and Sat, 2.30pm. 180mins.

□ **THE DEEP BLUE SEA**: Exceptionally strong production of the Rattigan drama by Karel Reisz, transfers after a sell-out run at the Almeida. With Penelope Wilton and Linus Roache. **Apollo**, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (071-494 5070). Opens tonight, 7pm, then Mon-Fri, 7.45pm, Sat, 8pm, mats Wed, 3pm, Sat, 4pm. 140mins.

■ **FRANK PIG SAYS HELLO**: Quirky but intriguing two-hander peering into an Irish village troubled by dark deeds and a reckless piglet. **Theatre Upstairs**, Royal Court, Sloane Square, SW1 (071-730 2554). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mat Sat, 3pm. 100mins.

■ **THE GAME OF LOVE AND CHANCE**: Energetic update of Marivaux's role-swapping comedy mistakenly played for farce. **National (Cottesloe)**, South Bank, SE1 (071-928 2252). Tonight-Wed, 7.30pm, mat Wed, 2.30pm. 140mins.

◩ **THE GIFT OF THE GORGON**: Following a sell-out run at the Barbican Pit, Peter Shaffer's play transfers to the West End. Judi Dench heads the cast. **Wyndham's**, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (071-867 1116). Preview tonight, 7.45pm; opens tomorrow, 7pm; then Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mats Sat, 3pm. 165mins.

■ **THE IMPORTANCE OF BEING EARNEST**: Maggie Smith commands the brittle world of lost handbags in this elegant revival. With Alex Jennings, Richard E. Grant, Margaret Tyzack. **Aldwych**, The Aldwych, WC2 (071-836 6404). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed, Sat, 2.30pm.

□ **INVADE MY PRIVACY**: The tart and witty poems/songs of Fran Landesman brilliantly delivered around a dinner table by four performers and a three-piece band. A real tonic. **Riverside Studios**, Crisp Road, W6 (081-748 3354). Mon-Fri, 7.45pm, Sat, 6pm and 8pm. 120mins.

□ **THE INVISIBLE MAN**: Not so cosy a venue as its birthplace in Stratford East but the show is as jolly as ever. Paul Kiev's magic tricks are amazing. **Vaudeville**, Strand, WC2 (071-836 9987). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed, Sat, 3pm. 150mins.

□ **KISS OF THE SPIDER WOMAN**: Tremendously glossy production of the Kander & Ebb musical. It coarsens the values of Manuel Puig's novel but Chita Rivera makes a striking vamp. (A new cast takes over from March 29.) **Shaftesbury**, Shaftesbury Avenue, WC2 (071-379 5399). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Wed, Sat, 3pm. 180mins.

■ **THE LAST YANKEE**: Subtle and touching Arthur Miller premiere: Zoe Wanamaker, Peter Dawson lead a quartet of middle-aged Americans troubled by material success. **Young Vic**, 66 The Cut, SE1 (071-928 6363). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Wed, Sat, 2.30pm. 75mins.

□ **LOST IN YONKERS**: Terrific performance by Rosemary Harris in a Neil Simon comedy more weighty than usual. Maureen Lipman gives good value as a loopy aunt. **Strand**, Aldwych, WC2 (071-930 8800). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed, Sat, 2.30pm. 160mins.

□ **MURDER IS EASY**: But an antiquated Agatha Christie adaptation is hardly worth doing. **Duke of York's**, St Martin's Lane, WC2 (071-836 5122). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Thurs, Sat, 3pm. 140mins.

□ **NO MAN'S LAND**: Paul Eddington and the author in tense, sharply comic Pinter. Riveting stuff. **Comedy**, Panton Street, W1 (071-867 1045). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Thurs, 3pm, Sat, 5pm. 130mins.

□ **NOT FADE AWAY**: Kelly Hunter as a woman of multiple personalities telling her all to analyst Neal Swettenham. Not altogether convincing but interesting enough to have its run extended. **Bush**, Shepherds Bush Green, W12 (081-743 3388). Mon-Sat, 8pm. 150mins. Final week.

□ **ON THE PISTE**: John Godber's slight but amusing look at partner trouble in a downmarket ski resort. **Garrick**, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (071-494 5085). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Thurs, 3pm, Sat, 4pm. 135mins.

□ **PLAYLAND**: Athol Fugard's two-hander: white man and black man, loitering outside a fairground, haul up their past and hint at the future. Builds to an eloquent climax. **Donmar Warehouse**, Earlham Street, WC2 (071-867 1150). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Thurs, 3pm, Sat, 4pm. 90mins.

□ **ROBIN — PRINCE OF SHERWOOD**: Over-loud, ridiculous musical. **Piccadilly**, Denman Street, W1 (071-867 1118). Tues-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Thurs, Sat, Sun, 3pm. 140mins.

□ **TRAVELS WITH MY AUNT**: William Gaunt, John Wells, Richard Kane, Christopher Gee play all 26 parts in Giles Havergal's adaptation of Graham Greene's novel. **Whitehall**, Whitehall, SW1 (071-867 1119). Mon-Fri, 8pm, Sat, 8.15pm, mats Wed, 3pm, Sat, 5pm. 140mins.

LONG RUNNERS: □ **Blood Brothers**: Phoenix (071-867 1044) ... ■ **Buddy**: Victoria Palace (071-834 1317) ... ■ **Cats**: New London (071-405 0072) ... □ **Don't Dress for Dinner**: Duchess (071-494 5070) ... ■ **Five Guys Named Moe**: Lyric (071-494 5045) ... □ **Hay Fever**: Albery (071-867 1115) ... ◩ **An Ideal Husband**: Globe (071-494 5065) ... ◩ **It Runs in the Family**: Playhouse (071-839 4401) ... ■ **Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat**: Palladium (071-494 5037) ... ■ **Les Misérables**: Palace (071-434 0909) ... ■ **Miss Saigon**: Theatre Royal, Drury Lane (071-494 5400) ... □ **The Mousetrap**: St Martin's (071-836 1443) ... ■ **The Phantom of the Opera**: Her Majesty's (071-494 5400) ... ◩ **Starlight Express**: Apollo Victoria (071-828 8665) ... □ **The Woman in Black**: Fortune (071-836 2238).

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CINEMA GUIDE

Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol ◆) on release across the country

NEW RELEASES

◆ **CANDYMAN** (18): Mythical serial killer snares Virginia Madsen in a decrepit Chicago housing estate. Silly stuff, with fancy trimmings. Director, Bernard Rose. **MGM Oxford Street** (071-636 0310) **Odeons: Kensington** (0426 914666) **Marble Arch** (0426 914501) **West End** (0426 915574) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332)

CRUSH (15): Impressive, jolting New Zealand table about sexual power games, a first feature from Alison Maclean. With Marcia Gay Harden. **Chelsea** (071-351 3742/3743) **Metro** (071-437 0757)

◆ **HOFFA** (15): A star turn by Jack Nicholson as a labour leader with mob connections, but a dull David Mamet script. Director, Danny DeVito. **Barbican** (071-638 8891) **MGM Chelsea** (071-352 5096) **MGM Tottenham Court Road** (071-636 6148) **Odeons: Kensington** (0426 914666) **West End** (0426 915574) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332)

CURRENT

◆ **HONEYMOON IN VEGAS** (12): Private eye Nicolas Cage tries to save girlfriend from gambler James Caan's clutches. Andrew Bergman's agreeable, old-fashioned screwball comedy. **MGM Oxford Street** (071-636 0310) **Odeons: Mezzanine** (0426 915683) **West End** (0426 915 574).

KNIFE IN THE WATER (PG): Gripping psychological games on a small sailing boat. Welcome revival of Polanski's first (and last) Polish feature, made in 1962. **Renoir** (071-837 8402).

◆ **LEON THE PIG FARMER** (15): Jewish lad discovers his embarrassing pedigree. Exuberant British comedy that gets unduly silly. Stars Mark Frankel, Brian Glover; directors, Vadim Jean, Gary Sinyor. **MGM Tottenham Court Road** (071-636 6148) **MGM Trocadero** (071-434 0031) **Odeon Kensington** (0426 914666).

◆ **MALCOLM X** (15): Spike Lee's ambitious epic. Denzel Washington is solid as the black activist, but prickly issues get sidestepped, and there is little cinematic fire. **Camden Plaza** (071-485 2443) **MGM Fulham Road** (071-370 2636) **MGM Shaftesbury Avenue** (071-836 6279) **MGM Trocadero** (071-434 0031) **Screen on the Green** (071-226 3520) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332)

ORLANDO (PG): Virginia Woolf's exuberant novel about a free spirit (Tilda Swinton) who lives for 400 years, changing sex en route: filmed with great aplomb by British director Sally Potter. **Gate** (071-727 4043) **Lumière** (071-836 0691) **MGM Chelsea** (071-352 5096) **Screen on the Hill** (071-435 3366)

◆ **A RIVER RUNS THROUGH IT** (PG): Robert Redford's hymn to family, nature and fly fishing. Beautifully mounted, but lacking punch. **MGM Fulham Road** (071-370 2636) **MGM Haymarket** (071-839 1527) **MGM Trocadero** (071-434 0031) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332).

◆ **SCENT OF A WOMAN** (15): A blind army veteran visits New York with a prep school pup. Far too long, with a barnstorming star (Al Pacino). With Chris O'Donnell; director, Martin Brest. **Camden Parkway** (071-267 7034) **Empire** (071-437 1234/497 9999) **MGM Baker Street** (071-935 9772) **MGM Fulham Road** (071-370 2636) **MGM Trocadero** (071-434 0031) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332).

◆ **UNDER SIEGE** (15): US battleship gets hijacked, but Steven Seagal saves the day. Familiar antics, with juicy villainy from Tommy Lee Jones and Gary Busey. Director, Andrew Davis. **MGM Fulham Road** (071-370 2636) **MGM Oxford Street** (071-630 0310) **Plaza** (071-437 1234/497 9999) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332).

TOYS (PG): Toy factory falls into evil hands. Over-elaborate, unfunny whimsy from director Barry Levinson: with Robin Williams, Michael Gambon, Joan Cusack, and toys galore. **Camden Parkway** (071-267 7034) **MGM Chelsea** (071-352 5096) **Odeons: Kensington** (0426 914666) **Leicester Square** (0426 915683) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332).

ROCK: **Alan Jackson** on the Scottish band trying to recapture the excitement of its early days

National anthems and guitar heroics

Big Country
Town and Country

WITH the release of their debut album *The Crossing* in 1983, Scotland's Big Country all but defined a school of anthemic, guitar-rock that long since ceased to be fashionable but which many groups since have aspired to recreate. Yet over the course of a further four studio albums, the lead guitarist, vocalist and songwriter Stuart Adamson steered his creation ever further away from the sound that originally won him success, resulting in diminished chart performances and an eventual parting from Phonogram.

However, a high-selling retrospective, released in 1990, emphasised the band's latent fan base. Now, having signed a new contract with another label, Adamson appears intent on reclaiming his former territory. *The Buffalo Skinners*, released today, is bursting with chiming guitars, important-sounding songs and full tilt if rather one-dimensional vocals.

At the Town and Country, on a stage set that could have come from some Errol Flynn swashbuckling epic, the band re-emphasised their rock roots with a lengthy set that used obvious crowd pleasers — the old hits "Fields of Fire", "Wonderland", the signature "In a Big Country", a cover of the Blue Oyster Cult's "Don't Fear the Reaper" — to frame recent and hence as yet unfamiliar material. Yet as a performer Adamson was revealed as curiously lacking in charisma. Leather jeans and a lantern jaw are not in themselves substitutes for presence, and although fans punched the air each time he moved a muscle, it was hard for non-devotees to share the excitement.

Without doubt he is a fine guitarist, and his songs act as a platform for an admirable portfolio of social and emotional issues. Regrettably, though, in the context of a loud and lavishly-received performance — the *Match of the Day*-style community singing erupted to fill rare moments of quiet — any one new song sounded much like another, be its lyrical concerns romantic, environmental or self-analytical (the current hit single "Alone"). The track "We're Not in Kansas", taken from a previous album but now re-recorded, proved more distinctive, its melody establishing itself above the earnest guitar heroics.

Apart from the odd bit of joshing across the footlights and a short speech in praise of the audience's loyalty, Adamson and his band (guitarist Bruce Watson, bassist Tony Butler and guest drummer Mark Brzezicki) chose to let their music do the talking. It obviously spoke to a packed house of diehards, and there seems no reason why Big Country cannot repeat their original success. Anyone who responded to *The Crossing* is likely to welcome this short tour. Sceptics may find it only confirms their suspicions.

JULIAN HERBERT

Leather jeans, lantern jaw: Stuart Adamson at the Town and Country

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FILM: The Hitchcock silent classic, *Blackmail*, is shown with a new, live instrumental accompaniment

Murdered to Mickey Mouse music

On the cutting room floor: Anny Ondra in Hitchcock's *Blackmail*

HITCHCOCK'S early British classic *Blackmail* comes in two versions: an all-talking picture, Britain's first, released in prestige cinemas in July 1929, and an all-quiet version, released two months later in cinemas not yet wired for sound. It was this edition that the composer Jonathan Lloyd sunk his teeth into on Thursday in the opening Queen Elizabeth Hall concert of "Sounds & Silents", a weekend festival of silent cinema and live music organised by the British Film Institute. He made a strange meal of it.

Lloyd's first sound was a rude trombone growl, timed to greet the censor's certificate. Thereafter he maintained a most rigorous repertoire: to accompany a ringing telephone, a triangle; for running policemen, a policeman's whistle; for time passing, tick-tocks on the wood blocks. In the old days this kind of musical imitation was called "mickey-mousing". But Lloyd, making his film score debut, seemed to be discovering the clichés for the first time.

Luckily he had other, better tricks up his sleeve as he worked his way through the lively tale of a Scotland Yard detective's girlfriend who stabs an artist to death during one of those "come up and see my etchings" evenings. The interval encompassed by the opening trombone growl resounded with subtle variations throughout. Youmans's "Tea for Two" entered the sound mix most effectively for the scene in Lyons' tea room where the girl, Anny Ondra, and the artist, Cyril Ritchard, pair off under stolid John Longden's nose. The murder itself (accomplished behind curtains with a convenient breadknife) brought forth jabbing high brass and a double bass tremulo: a tremendous moment.

Yet for too much time, Lloyd seemed so obsessed with matching the minutiae of Hitchcock's images that he lost sight of the momentum of scenes. Long, key stretches (the seduction in the studio; the aftermath next morning, when Donald Calthrop's tormenting blackmailer arrives) were accompanied by whoops, plops and melodic snatches, dropped into pools of silence. This lowered the tension, as though some crazed editor was chopping the scenes into fragments.

The eight-strong Matrix Ensemble under Robert Ziegler was in fine fettle and did everything Lloyd demanded, from the slightest piano tinkle to the raucous jazz reveille that rang out when least expected. And nobody should be too downhearted if the evening bore such curious fruit. When you let loose gifted contemporary composers on silent films, you must expect upsets from time to time.

GEOFF BROWN

CONCERTS: A new cello concerto premiered by Rostropovich; and ebullient conducting from Jansons

Heirs show their graces

ONE great strength of the **London Symphony Orchestra**'s Festival of Britten (Barbican) is that it celebrates Britten as a prime influence as well as a genius in his own right. Both composers represented in Thursday's concert, Robert Saxton and Oliver Knussen, acknowledge a debt to Britten, and the latter is especially active as a guardian of the Aldeburgh faith.

Receiving its premiere was Saxton's Cello Concerto, played by its dedicatee, **Mstislav Rostropovich**, for whom it was commissioned by the LSO. It reasserts the traditional notion of a concerto as a struggle between soloist and orchestra. Yet it is far from a conventional re-enactment of that conflict. In the first of its three movements, the solo cello expends much effort scurrying about the fingerboard, sometimes complemented by the punctuated comments of the orchestra, but often working against the grain. It seemed a long haul for Rostropovich, with few lyrical expanses, though **Oliver Knussen**, conducting, skilfully mobilised this superabundant energy into climactic peaks — the most rewarding moments of the work.

Any prospect of respite in the slow movement was scotched by the undertow of tension, which eventually reached a climax before landing the hapless soloist back in a finale that required him to scurry a good deal more. An effective coda finally quelled the turbulence. But the cello's final high B flat sustained above a pedal A indicates an unresolved conflict.

Britten's Cello Symphony, by contrast, ends with a powerful, affirmative gesture that bespeaks enormous spiritual strength, coming as it does after no less intense conflict. The searching melody of Britten's adagio provided Rostropovich with the kind of humane lyricism in which he excels; indeed, he seemed more comfortable altogether in this work — one, admittedly, with which he has lived for 30 years.

Knussen also conducted a well-behaved LSO in the *pas de six* from Britten's *Prince of the Pagodas* and "The Way To Castle Yonder" from his own *Higglety Pigglety Pop!* — a blend of enchantment and zest in the best Ravel tradition.

BARRY MILLINGTON

New World freshened up

MARISS JANSONS has his own methods of dealing with the over-familiar. His performance of Dvořák's "New World" Symphony with the **London Philharmonic** (Festival Hall) on Thursday reminded one of just how marvellous this piece is, as original in structure as it is rich in ideas.

The work's freshness on this occasion was perhaps partly due to Jansons ignoring any connotations of the New World and remembering instead that a homesick Czech wrote it. Though nostalgia was not unduly stifled, it was kept to a sensible level, with Jansons artfully maintaining impetus in the Largo (where Joan Whiting's cor anglais solo had a lovely sinewy quality) despite a slowish tempo. His preference for clearly defined instrumental colours also helped keep the emotional waters unmuddied, though there was still plenty of warmth.

After this movement, Jansons took care not to allow the Scherzo's phrases to deteriorate into merely dutiful repetitions of standard patterns, while his sense of the symphony as a unity gave the final, noble climax a positively Sibelian flavour.

The members of the LPO responded sensitively, with a finely blended woodwind choir and some sweet and impressively unanimous string playing, both qualities evident in their crisp but subtle reading of Rossini's overture to *The Italian Girl in Algiers*. They were also the astutest of partners in Rachmaninov's Third Piano Concerto, whose massiveness and technical difficulties the young Norwegian pianist Leif Ove Andsnes took in his stride.

His was a virtuoso performance of the highest order. He showed no hint of brittleness in the tone or of rhythmic panic, even when the going got really tough. But he also provided some spaciously poetic playing, and not only in the Intermezzo which provides relief from the high passions of the outer movements. Andsnes shares Jansons's structural insights and preference for clear colours. He had the measure of the work, and he left this listener in no doubt of an innate musicianship and emotional maturity which should keep him at the top of the tree, even in his hazardous profession.

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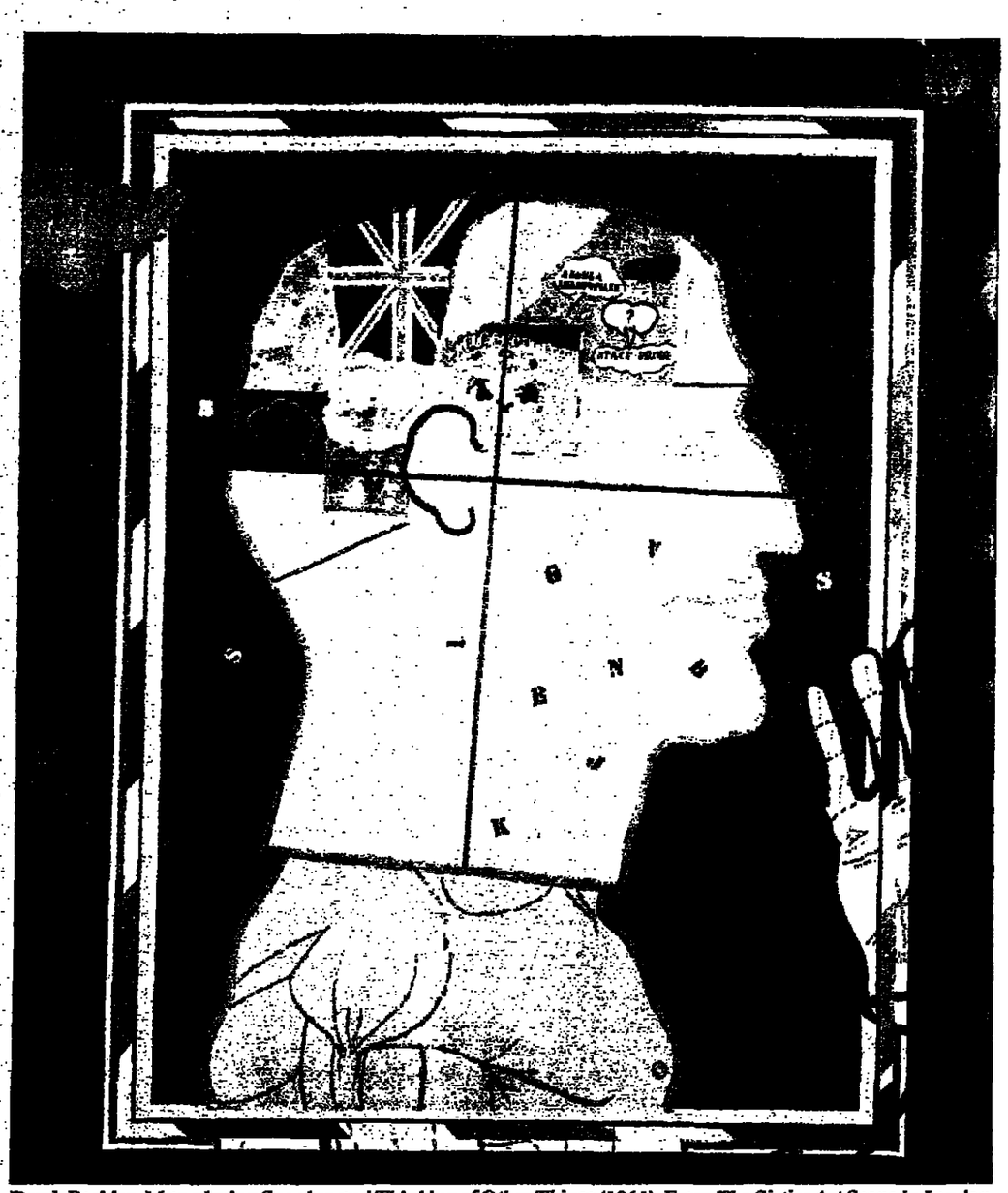
Pop music hits mid-life crisis

If popular music is no longer to be mindless, says Stephen Logan, then its critics must be more rigorous



Derek Boshier, *Man playing Snooker and Thinking of Other Things* (1961). From *The Sixties Art Scene in London* by David Mellor (Phaidon, £29.95), the catalogue of a Barbican show and a survey of avant-garde art, 1956-1969

Most professions have an associated subculture. If relatively few readers of *The Times* are rock music enthusiasts, that is partly because rock's subculture is especially disgusting. Hence the minority of readers who like the music, but not the subculture, find themselves awkwardly placed. I look forward eagerly to the time when, by means of intelligent critical discussion, pop music will drift free of its association with drug-abuse, sexual irresponsibility and self-congratulating mindlessness in general.

The hope is not entirely disappointed by *The Guinness Encyclopedia of Popular Music*. True, the preening *fatuity of many pop stars* is on display. Michael Stipe of REM is quoted as saying: "Rock 'n Roll is a joke [and] people who take it seriously are the butt of the joke." What singers who insult their paying admirers are the butt of, he does not have to tell us, because, in the rock world, cheek is chic. The authors of the entries, on the other hand, manage to take their subject seriously without either being solemn or twisting themselves into postures of affected nonchalance. Colin Larkin, the general editor, writes of his sprawling subject with parental affection and is, like many of his contributors, impressively learned in pop history.

As a source of information about pop, rock and jazz, the *Encyclopedia* is very useful. Like all such reference books, it is guilty of a few unaccountable omissions and, as Larkin acknowledges, the allocation of space is sometimes bizarre. But its chief fault is critical inadequacy. Many of the writers, not wishing to confine themselves to relating facts of biography, group-nomenclature and recording history, attempt more demanding tasks such as describing a voice. But their literary skills are not equal to their critical ambitions. To say of Nat King Cole's voice that it "floats butter-won't-melt vowel sounds in an easy dark drawl" communicates nothing more definite than the critic's approval.

The Rolling Stone Illustrated History of Rock and Roll will, I suspect, be of most interest to readers who already know something about the subject. This is clearly what some of the contributors expect. When Lou Reed is quoted as saying (about a reunion concert by *The Velvet Underground*) "you have no idea how that felt", the commentator suggests that if you take the trouble to start your own band, you will "know what he means". Such writing is representative. When rock critics make so little effort to evoke the precise quality of an aesthetic experience, they forgo the means of enlightening their readers and themselves.

Richard Cole was the tour manager for *Led Zeppelin* and is thus an authority on the offstage antics of the band. The writing has apparently been done by someone else. There are enlightening glimpses of Jimmy Page's studio perfectionism, and of Robert Plant's battle during a tour with severe pain from a leg injury.

Yet disproportionate space is given to describing numbskull experiments with sex. The dust-flap of the book claims that Cole is giving us "the truth behind the legend", and it is clearly in these terms that he would seek to condone the sniggering, squalid sensationalism of his story. But like many people who make a boast of candour, what Cole reveals is delusion.

After recalling examples of the band's sexual depravity, Cole impartially observes through his co-writer: "In those days, lots of women just weren't timid or self-conscious about anything. We saw no reason to show any restraint ourselves." If this were said with some plausible tincture of sadness or shame, the book would have been worth writing. As it is, Cole does not get many pages further on before he is telling us about sex games with handcuffs and generally showing himself in gleeful imaginative collusion with behaviour which still discredits rock music and which, on the evidence of this shoddy patchwork of a book, he only pretends to deplore.

The critical inadequacy of pop music criticism does not matter so long as pop music is considered to be sub-intellectual. The problem starts once commentators adopt a critical format in which cogency, lucidity and precision are at a premium. Clinton Heylin has written a thorough and acclaimed biography of Bob Dylan, so his new book, *From the Velvets to the Voidoids* — a history of Punk music in America — bodes well. But though its documentary interest is high and its discography erudite, its value as criticism is far less assured.

Right at the start he refers to "the symbolic obtuseness of Dylan". He probably means "obscurity" and so instils doubt about his literary competence. His powers of discrimination, rarely exercised on the interview transcripts that clog his book, are similarly doubtful. At the end of one chapter he quotes approvingly, from a review, a particularly gruesome example of prancing streetwise puerility: "Richard Lloyd plays emotional and highly sexually aware guitar. He's... the one most likely to get beat up in a parking lot." Heylin could claim that aspects of such writing are cunningly parodic ("They play like they make it with chicks"). But by calling this a "major write-up", he compounds one form of (probably unwitting) self-parody with another.

> '... rock's subculture is especially disgusting'

Keith Negus, formerly a musician, is now a university lecturer. His book, *Producing Pop*, is about the commercial machinery for turning a live band into a saleable product. The efficiency of Negus's writing makes up for the sobriety of his subject. His analysis of the iconography of album covers, for example, reveals a mind intent on accuracy and indifferent to the glamour of subversiveness. Still discernible, in the diffident demeanour of the prose, is the lack of a supportive critical environment.

All these books suffer from the schematic opposition between establishment culture and its popular "alternative". The people who know most about writing are not generally interested in popular music: those who know most about pop seldom know much about writing. In the adolescence of pop, self-alienation was a source of creative energy. But if popular music is to come of age, and not just show its age, a measure of reconciliation between the two cultures is now called for. Serious popular music needs to temper its vigour with rigour and get high on the best that has been known and thought.

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THE last act of Nobel prizewinner Mahfouz's majestic *Cairo Trilogy* is briefer than its predecessors and tinged with melancholy. The merchant Al-Sayyid Ahmad is no longer the proud figure of *Palace Walk*, the first volume. Weakened by illness and by economic slump (*Sugar Street* carries the story forward to the 1930s), his family riven by the divorces and political entanglements described in *Palace of Desire*, he is in the fullest sense a shadow of his former self, his mind turned round to darker things. As he casts a smaller shadow across his family, they discover an ambiguous freedom. His wife Amina is no longer restricted to the house, but she has withered in contact with the outer air, as has the once voluptuous daughter Aisha. As if in compensation, the youngest son Kamal has turned inward to the study of philosophy. Modelled on Galsworthy's *Forsyte Saga*, Mahfouz's sequence telescopes a family chronicle into an unparalleled picture of Egypt under the British protectorate.

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THE author of *Gaslight*, and of that brilliant picture of schizophrenia *Hangover Square*, was a man of apparent contradictions: a mother-fixated misogynist, a marxist snob, a dandy preoccupied with seediness. Given his family background it is not surprising that his novels, set against the streets, bars and boarding houses of inter-war England, have a strong element of the absurd. (His father Bernard, an alcoholic bully of grotesque pretensions, once tried to make his fortune by writing a novel called *Daphne Dale, Typist* under the pseudonym Myrtle A. Brown.) This engrossing biography describes how Hamilton exorcised his demons in his fiction until, finally, "quite normal heavy drinking" — as his pal Claud Cockburn called it — gave way to the alcoholism which finished him off.

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HANS Christian Andersen was born in poverty in the Danish city of Odense in 1805 and set off in his early teens alone to Copenhagen. He could barely write, yet somehow this tall, thin, grotesquely awkward boy

Fairy tale life? Hans Christian Andersen

scraped himself an education, found friends in high places and, after years of struggle to publish his work, ended up as a kind of keeper of the national unconscious. It sounds like one of his own fairy tales, but the personal cost was high. In spirit he was always an outcast, craving affection, plagued by psychosomatic illnesses and often a severe trial to his friends. Bredsdorff's scholarly biography gives a poignant picture of the extraordinary man whom Leigh Hunt described as like "a large child, a sort of half-angel".

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Contributors: Sue Gee, Brian Morton, Hazel Leslie

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Purging the boy in her books

Victoria Glendinning

DAPHNE DU MAURIER
By Margaret Forster
Chatto & Windus, £17.99

This is a startlingly good biography. On the face of it Daphne du Maurier, like many dedicated writers, did not have an eventful life. She married an army officer, had three children, wrote best-selling novels — several of which have become classics — lived in Cornwall, and in later life was something of a recluse. She died in 1989.

Margaret Forster's good luck is that Daphne's friends and family kept her letters, sometimes at Daphne's own request, for she intended to leave her testimony, and believed biography should tell the truth even though it might be "often hard for the family to take".

Daphne du Maurier's good luck is to have Margaret Forster as a biographer. There is piquancy in her having been educated at the same school — the County High School in Carlisle — as Tod, Daphne's governess. Tod was Daphne's confidante for years, and remained involved with the family until after Daphne's own children had grown up. Forster shares something of that same sympathetic discretion and northern shrewdness.

Daphne's father was the actor Gerald du Maurier, a world-class charmer who two-timed his wife and loved his daughters jealously and too much. He had longed for a son, and Daphne as a child not only wanted to be a boy but believed she really was one. Later she was attracted to both women and men: her early physical relationships were with a French schoolmistress and Carol Reed, the future film director. More important than either was being alone in the family's holiday house in Cornwall, and beginning to write. Her early stories were "fuelled by disgust" at the way men treated women.

Daphne was extremely pretty in the English way, and her marriage to athletic, good-looking Major Frederick Browning, known as Tommy, or Boy, seemed made in heaven. It was she who proposed and she, as her novels sold in their hundreds of thousands, who maintained their style of life, such as it was. The nurturing, maternal, home-making side of Daphne was non-existent. The house was icy, the food primitive. She loved her children, especially her son, but was a distant mother to the girls when they were little.

Her elder daughter's nanny never had a single evening off for the first six months — and when she was finally given one, caring for the baby for a few hours reduced its parents to nervous prostration. When a housemaid came to be interviewed, she thought the nanny was Mrs Browning, and that Mrs Browning was a visitor, she seemed so detached. Yet Daphne's whole life was centred on her home which was, for 25 years, Menabilly — the Manderley of *Rebecca*.

The second world war showed up the cracks in the marriage. Tommy had a brave and distinguished war career, ending up as Mountbatten's right-hand man, and was knighted in 1946. In spite of a wartime liaison of her own, she had longed for his return. Somehow they could not pick up the pieces. He was inhibited and exhausted, and she was depressed by the anti-climax.

A couple of years later Daphne, aged forty, was infatuated, like a romantic boy, with Ellen Doubleday the wife of her American publisher. Tommy, meanwhile, became Comptroller to the household of HRH Princess Elizabeth and had to be in London. Daphne then fell in love less chastely with Gertrude Lawrence, one of her father's last mistresses, who was playing the lead in Daphne's play *September Tide*, which was really about Ellen Doubleday. All rather complicated.

Tommy drank too much, sailed his boat at weekends and found his own consolations in female form. He and Daphne were often unhappy, both sometimes on the verge of mental breakdown. They still loved one another in a deep, hopeless way and kept up a united front for outsiders and on occasions such as visits to Balmoral. People still saw Sir Frederick and Lady Browning as the ideal couple.

Daphne hated "the L-word" — lesbian — and thought of herself as a "half-breed", and as having a No 1 self, which the world saw, and a No 2 self, who was a "boy-in-a-box" and the one who did the writing. Her tragedy was that the "boy-in-the-box" faded after Gertrude's death and as Daphne grew older; without him it was harder to find the impetus for fiction. Her work grew more macabre. After Tommy's death her widowhood seems sad.

Daphne du Maurier was articulate in her private letters about her dual self and about the specific relationships or crises which she "purged" in her fictions. *Rebecca*, for example, was sparked off by her jealousy of her husband's former fiancée. The works stand on their own and need no subtexts. But there always was one, and those who protest against biographers reading the life into the work and the work through the life are, in this case at least, knocked clean out of court.

Because Daphne wrote so eloquently about herself, virtually all Forster has to do in order to reveal the complexities is to quote, though she makes an excursion into hypothesis about the sexual death of the marriage. I thought, at first, that Forster's authorial reticence was excessive. She does not address the question of whether Daphne was interfered with by her crazily possessive and very hands-on father, though every reader must wonder. She glides over Daphne's physical affair with Gertrude in such a way that it would be possible to miss it. But afterwards these matters resonate in the mind with an ambiguity that may well reflect the reality. It is all extremely well-judged.

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4.95	INTERM◆	110	-3	....	3.8	∞
68.30	Jones Stroud	375	-10	8.0	2.8	16.3
2.28	Kemhney	6	....	0.3	6.3	3.1

ELECTRICALS

19.40	AB Elect	68	....	....	....	....
341.10	ACT Group	171	+1	4.5	3.5	16.5
34.40	Acala	238	....	....	3.3	19.9
76.30	Acorn Comps◆	115	....	....	....	....
48.10	Admiral	445	+5	5.4	1.8	∞
60.70	Alps	131 †	+11	4.7	4.8	17.2
7.56	Alphameric	29	....	....	....	....
203.40	Amstrad	35	-½	0.4	....	....
21.30	Arlec Hldgs	105	-4	....	....	....
4.21	Arlen	14	....	....	....	....
126.90	Astec	44½	+3	....	....	....
26.30	Bailey Hunter	208	....	9.2	4.6	14.1
8.22	Bemner & Nourt	7½	....	....	....	....
1,239.10	BICC	378	+6	19.2	7.2	24.2
125.20	Bilick	205	-15	9.2	2.4	19.7
440.30	Bertamd◆	1550	....	....	....	....
486.00	Bowthorpe	203	+2	6.3	2.9	....
28,154.60	BT	323	-2½	14.4	4.5	15.8
2.14	Bulgin (AF) 'A'	9½	....	0.1	1.6	....
49.00	Burndept	136 †	-10	5.7	5.6	∞
7,800.30	Cable Wireless	725	+15	13.2	2.4	22.4
31.40	Chloride	137	-½	....	....	....
43.90	CML Micros◆	251	....	....	2.4	16.5
12.60	Comptr People	91	+1	....	5.4	....
274.10	Cray Elect	135½	....	....	0.3	11.1
37.30	Crtronics	123	+1	....	2.0	22.9
852.60	Delta	545	+7	14.0	4.1	∞
12.80	Dennards Ele	256	-2	....	2.8	∞
153.10	Destrino	598	-15	7.2	1.6	20.4
78.10	Dowding Mills	34	+1	2.5	8.2	17.8
63.70	Dracks	906	+5	....	1.3	24.2
859.20	Electrocomponts	409	+9	7.0	1.7	22.1
97.40	El Data Fin	245	+28	5.1	2.1	19.2
18.00	Electron House	70	....	2.3	4.5	21.3
17.50	Emess	19½	-1	0.1	0.8	∞
244.00	Euredirm	357	+17	8.0	1.9	29.4
549.90	FKI	124½	-½	2.3	2.5	24.1
511.20	Farnell Elec	355	+15	5.8	2.0	21.0
2.96	Feedbacks◆	38	....	....	....	....
161.40	Ferranti	17½	....	....	....	....
21.40	Flex Tech	144	....	....	....	....
11.60	Forward Tech◆	21	....	....	....	17.6
7.14	Portland Tech	21	+½	....	....	....
8,799.00	GEC	305	-11½	9.6	4.2	18.1
112.70	Gresham	178	+8	10.9	8.5	∞
1.40	Hitachi◆	39	....	....	....	11.7
439.30	Hotpoint Gp	466	+9	24.0	07	39.9
4.95	INTERM◆	110	-3	....	3.8	∞
68.30	Jones Stroud	375	-10	8.0	2.8	16.3
2.28	Kemhney	6	....	0.3	6.3	3.1

BANKS, DISCOUNT, HP

4,929.40	Abbey Nt	376 †	+4½	....	4.1	14.6
1,526.90	Allied Irish	233 †	+14½	....	4.8	∞
2,043.00	Ans New Z	167	-9	....	5.4	....
12,283.30	Bankamerica	3556½	-285	....	....	....
957.50	Bk of Ireland	238	+15	....	5.0	38.1
25.40	Bk Leumi UK	325 †	+12½	17.0	7.0	....
1,550.40	Bank Scotland	134	....	6.3	6.3	21.1
6,846.80	Barclays	425 †	+17	15.1	4.5	∞
4.83	Benchmark	3	....	....	....	....
6.06	Brown Shipley	38	-5	....	....	....
5.03	Carlisle	16½	-1	....	....	....
110.40	Cater Allen	460	-3	26.0	7.5	....
125.60	Cedes	114	+8	....	5.0	∞
3,678.50	Chase Manh	2393½	-59½	....	....	....
7,174.00	Citicorp	1962½	-50	....	....	....
132.10	Close Bros	345 †	+1	....	3.7	15.3
3,851.00	Commerzbk	6123	+280	....	3.2	....
13,957.40	Deutsche Bk	12839◆	-650	....	2.1	....
94.50	First Nat Fin	58	+3	....	....	....
35,180.30	Fuji Bank Y	1215	+43	....	0.4	69.1
168.10	Gerrard Nat	430	....	21.0	6.5	....
4,887.80	HSBC	599	-5	....	4.7	∞
9,757.10	HSBC HK	577	-8	....	3.4	23.7
600.60	Hambros	345	+15	13.8	5.3	15.3
18.80	Joseph (L)	358	....	15.5	5.9	....
18.80	King Shaxson	119	....	5.0	5.6	....
505.80	Kleinwort Ben	587	+18	16.0	5.5	....
6,711.00	Lloyds	520	-23	14.4	4.6	7.6
47.00	Lon Scot Bk	70	....	3.0	5.1	15.7
5,271.30	Nat Aust Bk	425	+2½	....	4.8	14.8
7,338.00	Nat West	445	-5	....	5.2	32.6
426.90	Provident	804	+3	28.0	4.7	∞
17.60	Rea Bros	45	....	....	0.5	∞
2,000.40	Ryl Bk Scot	254½	-2½	8.8	4.6	....
980.40	Schroders	1953	+103	22.0	1.5	∞
1,701.70	Stand Chart	718 †	+17	....	3.7	....
2,620.90	TSB	157	....	8.4	5.9	....
19.20	Union Disc	101	-9	....	....	....
1,367.90	Warburg SG	638	+32	18.0	3.8	18.9
90.00	-do- 6% 'A'	211½	+6	....	3.8	....
3,857.50	Wells Fargo	711½	-41½	....	1.5	....
2,629.90	Westpac	190	-8	....	5.4	....
17.80	Wmtrust	210	+1	0.3	5.9	8.1

BREWERIES

5,056.40	Allied-Lyons	574	+11	20.0	4.6	12.3
5,071.90	Bass	585	+9	18.8	4.3	12.7
289.80	Boddington	254 †	+9½	7.3	3.8	∞
214.70	Bulmer (HP)	409	+16	9.0	2.8	18.8
30.00	Burtonwd Brw	144	+4	4.4	4.1	10.5
156.00	Dewsnap Gp	290	-27	7.9	3.6	16.3
17.30	Elsbridge P 'A'◆	89	-1	....	4.9	23.6
1,860.50	Fosters Brewing	58½	-9½	....	4.7	8.0
70.30	Fitzr Sm 'A'◆	368	+5	....	2.6	14.6
9,526.40	Grand Met	552	+10	12.3	3.5	15.2
713.10	Greenalls Gp	411	+11	11.7	3.8	13.6
231.40	Greene King	547	+14	11.6	2.8	14.2
9,253.90	Guinness	462	-9	....	3.5	10.1
598.80	Harvey Hanss	729	+9	9.4	1.3	13.2
2.74	Hewthwrte	108	-5	3.0	3.8	....
3.86	-do- 'A' LVs◆	78	....	....	5.2	10.9
395.00	Highland Dist	284	+13	6.0	2.8	18.8
91.10	Holt J	3000	+50	25.0	1.5	31.1
2.88	Hoskins Brew	50	+7	....	6.5	36.0
346.50	Invergordn Dist	372	+7	....	2.5	19.3
208.20	Macallan-Glen	179	+4	0.7	0.6	36.1
60.20	Macdn Mrtn 'A'	143	+8	8.8	4.6	13.9
113.80	Mansfield	120	+13	13.6	2.5	15.5
230.10	Matson Thmp	254	+10	4.9	2.6	14.9
41.50	Matthew Clark	423	-3	15.7	5.0	12.7
33.10	Moyden W	273	3	....	2.2	19.7
307.50	Morland	388	....	8.4	2.3	19.5
5.40	Paramount◆	10½	....	....	2.1	19.1
5,043.30	SA Breweries	968	....	....	2.8	∞
1,970.30	Scot & Nwe	998	-6	16.1	4.0	12.1
214.20	Taunton Cidr	176	+14	....	3.2	18.3
321.50	Vaux Group	233	+6	9.3	5.4	16.1
83.00	Websters Pon JD	265	+5	....	2.4	22.4
2,160.30	Whitbread 'A'	960	-103	16.9	2.4	26.7
155.80	-do- 'B'	963	-100	16.9	2.4	26.7
369.50	Wolvrhmptn D	609	+11	11.4	2.5	17.1
14.70	Young 'A'	505	-5	14.5	3.8	22.1

BUILDING, ROADS

38.70	Abbey	109	+10	....	1.4	36.1
4.61	Affrdblhme◆	10	+1	....	....	....
22.90	Alfcon◆	68	+9	10.2	....	8.1
177.70	Amec	98	+9	10.2	....	8.1
2.81	Anglia Sec	3½	....	....	....	....
39.80	Ashlands◆	177	....	4.1	3.1	27.1
263.80	Ashwoods	129	-5	5.0	5.2	18.4
1,043.90	BPB Ind	246	+5	....	4.8	33.4
30.60	Baggeridge Brk	77	+1	....	5.4	25.9
3.03	Bailey (Benj Cm	28 †	....	0.5	....	....
16.40	Barcrss	30	+2	1.2	1.9	16.0
243.70	Barratt Devs	135	+9	2.0	2.0	15.0
178.20	Bellway	367	+9	11.5	4.2	21.3
3.93	Bellwinch	24	....	....	....	....
276.40	Berkeley Gp	361	+26	....	2.2	25.0
9.30	Ben Bros	46	+1	2.3	....	45.7
11.80	Blockleys	68	+1	3.0	....	22.5
1,546.70	Blue Circle	325	+11	11.2	6.7	22.5
72.80	Boot (Henry)	280	....	....	2.6	15.3
25.30	Bovis Pic	89	-6	4.6	6.9	17.2
18.30	Br Dredging	49	-1	2.4	9.5	11.3
11.40	Brt Fittings	48	+3½	4.8	9.0	27.3
333.00	Bryant	155	+1	2.3	....	....
19.40	CALA	265	+6	....	3.0	∞
205.80	CRH	363	+6	....	....	....
1.99	Calednonid Ppy	93	....	....	....	....
60.60	Carsalrs	126	+1	4.1	4.6	31.2
70.80	Countryside	118	+1	10.0	....	∞
62.80	Crest Nicholson	96	+1	....	....	....
9.98	Cussins	63	-5	....	....	....
0.96	Dunoon◆	2	....	....	....	3.0
11.60	Edmond Hidgs	22½	-½	0.5	3.0	....
35.50	Epwrth	68	....	....	4.9	14.8
20.80	Erith	44	+10	2.9	....	....
31.80	Eve Groups◆	338	....	....	3.9	12.1
141.10	Evered Bardon	30	+1	5.6	....	21.0
9.90	Expamet◆	6½	+2	....	....	....
9.15	Freemsn Gp◆	104	+2	....	....	15.3
33.70	Galliford	98 †	+½	4.3	....	....
1.30	Gibbs & Dandy	78	-2	....	....	....
75.00	Gleeson (M)	198	+2	12.7	3.3	11.1
183.20	Hawden-Smart	100	+5	3.1	4.2	20.8
4.31	Hewetsons	50	....	2.6	....	49.8
179.20	Heywd Wtsn	247	+6	12.5	7.0	....
29.20	Higgs &

Allied Dunbar action dropped

BY SARAH BAGNALL

BANQUE Bruxelles Lambert has dropped its long-running legal action against Allied Dunbar, the financial services subsidiary of BAT Industries, in a further twist to the lengthy and complex civil action over mortgage indemnity insurance policies.

Earlier this year, the Belgian bank settled out of court with Eagle Star, another BAT subsidiary, for a maximum of £87.5 million. This resulted in Eagle Star switching from defendant to claimant and joining BBL in its action against two firms of property valuers and Maurice Marcovits, a former financial consultant with Allied Dunbar. BBL was taking a separate action against Allied Dunbar.

The case, which started more than four months ago, centred on the validity of commercial property mortgage indemnity policies written by Eagle Star to safeguard £308 million of commercial loans made by BBL for the purchase of six properties in six different deals.

Eagle Star maintained the contracts were void and as a result refused to pay out under the policies when the loans were not serviced.

BBL's action is to try to recover an estimated £220 million, which is the size of the loans reduced by several property sales. Neither settlements have changed the proceedings both Eagle Star and BBL are taking against Mr Marcovits, broker to the policies, and John D Wood and Lewis & Tucker, the firms of chartered surveyors that are being sued for negligent overvaluation of the six properties against which the loans were made in 1989. The defendants deny the allegations.

The case, which is taking place in a specially constructed courtroom in Globe House, Temple, is dragging on longer than expected, with little hope of completion before the summer. Next week, BBL's expert valuation witnesses are expected to start giving evidence.

The total costs of the action, which involves dozens of lawyers, may run up to £20 million. BBL is paying Allied Dunbar's costs as part of the settlement.

REPORTING THIS WEEK

Wellcome to show further advance

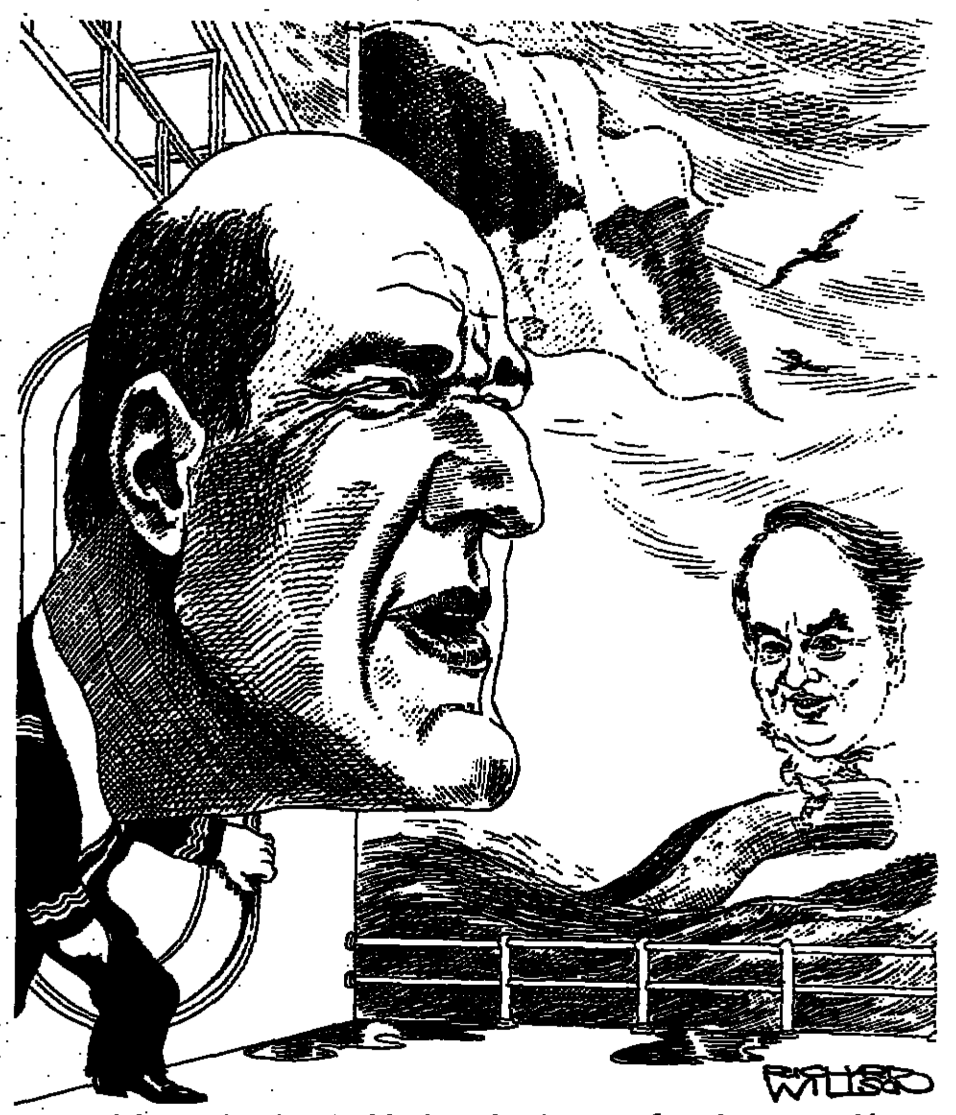
STRONG drug sales and currency benefits should help **Wellcome**, the pharmaceuticals group headed by Sir Alistair Frame, to unveil another healthy advance in first-half profits on Thursday.

Steve Plag, at NatWest Securities, expects a 30 per cent rise in interim pre-tax profits to £318 million (£244.7 million). Market forecasts range from £310 million to £330 million. An interim dividend of 5p (4p) is expected.

Wellcome has been able to weather a sharp deterioration in the pharmaceuticals market, thanks to strong sales of Zovirax, the anti-herpes drug that accounted for a third of sales last year, and favourable currency movements.

Strong underlying growth of about 19 per cent is expected for Zovirax, boosted by increased use in treating shingles and strong growth in America and Japan, which should help first-half revenues to advance to £377 million (£278 million). Sales of Retrovir (AZT), the anti-Aids drug, are expected to climb to £125 million (£103 million).

While all drug companies have been hit by a worldwide move to curb health care costs, forcing ever bigger discounts to bulk buyers, Wellcome's specialisation in the less competitive anti-viral sector has given it a relative advantage.



Tunnel ahoy: Lord Sterling's P&O holds steady as it prepares for undersea competition

TODAY

A second-half recovery and a good Christmas should help **Argos**, the cash-rich catalogue showroom retailer, turn in final pre-tax profits slightly ahead to about £65 million (£62.1 million), according to Nick Bubb, of Morgan Stanley, the American securities house. Market forecasts range from £59 million to £65 million. The second half should have seen positive like-for-like growth, although this may have been achieved at the expense of margins.

Although Argos's decision to close its Chesterman stores is costing £12.7 million at the pre-tax level, it is likely to enhance current-year prospects. Analysts will also be interested to hear further details of the group's store opening programme.

Interims: BZW Convertible Investment Trust (Q2), Frogmore Estates, James Halstead, Nesco Investments, Tay Homes.

Finals: Argos, Astec (BSR), Bluebird Toys, British Borneo Petroleum, Britannic Assurance, Bunzl, Capital Industries, Dairy Farm International, Fleming Income & Capital Investment (Q4), Goal Petroleum, Hibernian Group, Hongkong Land Holdings, Kynoch Group, PE International, Pendragon, Rutland Trust, Sharpe & Fisher, Spring Ram Corporation, Stag Furniture, Suter, Thornton Pan-European Investment Trust, Wilson Bowden.

Economic statistics: Balance of trade with countries outside the EC (February).

TOMORROW

Full-year pre-tax profits at **Prudential**, the UK's largest life insurer headed by Michael Newmarch, are expected to soar to £440 million, against £267 million last time, according to Barclays de Zoete Wedd. Earnings per share are widely expected to double to between 14.8p and 16.8p, up from 7.5p last time.

Profit forecasts range widely, from £400 million to £480 million, with the median around £425 million. Net profits, which analysts say give a better indication of a life insurer's performance, are expected to double to about £300 million, against £140 million last time.

Prudential has benefited from continuing rationalisation of less profitable operations, especially in its non-life division. Losses on general business were cut to £14 million (£54 million loss) at the halfway stage. Prudential's life operations should continue to perform well, thanks to a well-balanced distribution system.

Selwyn Jones, at Credit Lyonnais Laing, expects **P&O**, the shipping, property and construction group chaired by Lord Sterling, to turn in final pre-tax profits of £225 million (£217.4 million). Market forecasts range from £220 million to £250 million. A maintained total dividend of 30.5p is expected.

Interims: Ex-Lands, Polypipe, Pressac Holdings, Sunset & Vine, Wolseley.

Finals: Bowater, Bluebird Toys, Bridon, CIA Group, Clinton Cards, Clyde Petroleum, CU Environmental, Dairy Farm International, Derwent Valley Holdings, Edinburgh Oil & Gas, Era Group, Esselte AB, Ferrum Holdings, Foreign & Colonial High Income Trust, Invergordon Distillers, Mayborn Group, More O'Ferrall, Michael Page, P&O, Prudential Corporation, Relyon Group, Secure Trust Group, JW Spear & Sons, Sunleigh, Trinity Holdings, UniChem.

Economic statistics: Cross-border acquisitions and mergers (fourth quarter).

WEDNESDAY

Few surprises are expected when **Kingfisher**, the stores combine headed by Sir Geoffrey Mulcahy, unveils full-year figures. The company made a profits forecast when it announced a merger with Darty, the French electrical retailer, last month.

Kingfisher, which embraces the Woolworths, Comet, B&Q and Superdrug retailing chains, predicted it would make pre-tax profits before exceptional items of £233 million in the year to January 31, compared with £221.8 million last time. Profits after exceptional items will be £210 million (£227.7 million). The company intends to pay a final dividend of 9.5p, making a total of 13.7p (13p) for the year.

Attention will focus on the group's operating profit breakdown. Morgan Stanley's Nick Bubb thinks operating profits at the Comet electrical stores could advance to £22 million (£9 million), while Woolworths should climb to £81 million (£71 million). But Mr Bubb thinks that profits from the B&Q home improvement division could drop to £76 million (£90 million) and Superdrug is likely to be flat at about £35 million.

Final pre-tax profits at **Blenheim Group**, the international exhibitions company, are expected to advance to between £42.5 million and £50 million, against £28.3 million last time.

Lex Service, the vehicle distribution and leasing group that lost the Volvo concession last year and has now made an exit from electronics, is expected to report a recovery in full-year profits, to between £25 million and £28 million, against £500,000 last time.

Interims: Barratt Developments, Dorling Kindersley, Manganese Bronze Holdings, Ricardo Group, Town Centre Securities, Barry Wehmiller, JD Wetherspoon.

Finals: Amec, Acorn Computer Group, BSG International, Barr & Wallace Arnold, Blenheim Group, Geest, Gibbs & Dandy, Henlys Group, I&S Optimum Income Trust, Jardine Matheson, Johnston Press, Kingfisher, Lambert Howarth, Lasmo, Lex Service, Bernard Matthews, Richardsons Westgarth, Sheffield Insulations, Steel Burrill Jones, Weir Group, Arthur Wood & Son.

Economic statistics: Institutional investment (fourth quarter), new construction orders (January, provisional), international banking statistics (fourth quarter).

THURSDAY

Reckitt & Colman, the household goods, toiletries, food and pharmaceuticals group, is expected to report relatively flat final pre-tax profits of £251 million (£252.3 million), according to NatWest Securities. Market forecasts range from £245 million to £255 million.

A partial contribution from Steetley and relatively buoyant conditions in Europe should help **Redland**, the building materials group, turn in final pre-tax profits ahead to £205 million (£186 million), according to UBS Phillips & Drew. Market forecasts range from £195 million to £213 million.

United Newspapers, the publisher of the *Daily Express*, *Sunday Express* and *Daily Star*, is expected to report final pre-tax profits ahead 11 per cent to £96 million.

Interims: Community Hospitals, J Maunders Group, Murray Ventures, FW Thorpe, Trafford Park Estates, Wellcome.

Finals: APV, Appleyard Group, BNB Resources, Booker, British Alcan Aluminium, W Canning, Horace Clarkson, Dewsongroup, Dunkeld Group, Headline Book Publishing, Henlys Group, Jardine Strategic, John Laing, Wm Morrison Supermarkets, North Sea Assets, Padang Senang Holdings, Pittard Garnar, Plasmec, Reckitt & Colman, Redland, Sheldon Jones, Slough Estates, Sphere Investment Trust, United Newspapers, Wolstenholme Rink, Woodchester Investments.

Economic statistics: Energy trends (January), new vehicle registrations (February).

FRIDAY

Interims: China & Eastern Investment Company, UDO Holdings.

Finals: Breedon, Garton Engineering, HTV Group, Hepworth, Mediterranean Fund, Moorfield Estates, National Express Group, Portmeirion Potteries, Renown, Waterhouse Group.

Economic statistics: CBI monthly trends enquiry (March), engineering sales and orders at current and constant prices (January).

PHILIP PANGALOS

Pay freezes and cuts on the increase

BY OUR INDUSTRIAL STAFF

THE number of pay freezes has almost doubled over the past year and there is no sign that the trend has reached a peak. More than one in 20 settlements has frozen wage rises in the year to January, compared with one in 35 the previous year, according to a report from Industrial Relations Services, the pay analyst.

Companies that froze pay last year included Alfred McAlpine, Marconi Defence and Thomson Directories. Pay cuts were also becoming more common, particularly in recession-hit industries, such as construction and engineering.

John Brown Engineering in Portsmouth cut pay for 750 workers by 10 per cent last month, and Costain, the construction group, was planning a 5 per cent cut over the next 12 months, the report said.

Sheffield City Council workers recently agreed to a 3.25 per cent pay cut linked to shorter working hours.

Some employers were introducing new incentive bonus schemes to "cushion the blow" of pay freezes or cuts, while others paid lump sums in compensation.

Budget lift for property investment

THE property investment market could be set for an unexpected boost from the Budget (Carl Mortished writes).

Leading stocks, such as British Land, Land Securities, MEPC and Slough Estates, saw between 5 and 10 per cent added to their value last week. Hammerson A shares ended 10 per cent up, while Greycoat almost doubled to 19p.

The optimism stems from the reduction in ACT from 25 to 20 per cent, which leaves equity yields less attractive when compared with average yields from commercial property. The other option for the funds is gilts. Long-dated Treasury stocks, a benchmark for commercial property investors, moved ahead on good economic news, taking the yield on the 2008, down to 8.06 per cent.

Clash of credit demands looms

TAKEN in isolation, there was little good news in the Budget for gilts. The government clearly decided to take a calculated risk by doing nothing to rein in the Budget deficit in the year ahead. Indeed, the net effect of last year's Autumn Statement and this year's Budget is a fiscal stimulus in 1993-4 of almost 1 per cent of GDP, which the Chancellor's medium-term tax increases do little more than claw back.

On the Treasury's projections, which have a healthy air of realism about them, the PSBR is therefore still expected to be 4½ per cent of GDP by the end of the Parliament. This is worryingly high, especially as the economy is likely to be near full capacity by then.

Despite these medium-term budgetary concerns, the gilts market has continued to rally. In the next few months, there are several reasons why this may remain the main trend. First, European bond markets, and possibly the US market too, seem likely to continue to perform strongly after lower short-term interest rates in Germany and generally benign global inflation pressures. Gilts may not perform as well as some other European bond markets, but international influences support lower yields.

Second, there are signs the economy is recovering, possibly strongly, if retail sales, M0, and building societies' new mortgage commitments data are to be believed. This has helped to buoy sterling, as people have scaled back expectations for further cuts in UK base rates, thereby making gilts more attractive to overseas investors. Provided the economy continues to show signs of a more robust recovery, sterling may be stronger for a while too, at least against a weak mark. This may sustain foreign interest in gilts, which is essential if supply pressures are not to force yields higher. Third, despite increasing signs of recovery, the inflation outlook remains excellent. Unit wage cost increases across the whole economy fell to less than 2 per cent by the end of last year, and will fall further as the economy recovers. This is a powerful force for disinflation.

Notwithstanding the possibility of some temporary pickup in inflation because of sterling depreciation, investors should not be surprised if underlying inflation does not show a clear trough for another three years.

For a few months, therefore, gilt yields could be headed lower, even if some other European bond markets offer superior returns. With short-term interest rates now less likely to fall soon, this probably implies a flattening of the curve over the spring/summer. Thereafter, the British market enters more dangerous territory. Gilt supply will remain very high because of the government's failure to address fully the need for tighter fiscal policy. Even allowing for the relaxation in the funding rule and the carry-over of monetary-sector gilt purchases in the current year to count as funding in 1993-4, the total cross gilt issue of about £45-£50 billion in the coming year is onerous. It will certainly absorb all the free cash flow of institutions. Overseas investors may help, but may ultimately require higher yields.

> 'Yields could be headed lower even if some continental markets offer superior returns'

My colleague, Jeremy Hale, has investigated at length the link between budget deficits and bond yields. According to his valuation work, with a PSBR of about 8 per cent of GDP, ten-year gilt yields of about 8-8.5 per cent are probably more like fair value than the 7.5-7.7 per cent prevailing. This type of analysis is inevitably medium term in nature and it is unlikely that gilt yields would move to these kind of levels immediately.

But later this year, as European bond rallies begin to run out of steam, and as the British recovery gathers momentum, a clash between private and public credit demands may intensify. Eventually, this will lead to a rising yield trend and steepening curve, probably into and during next year.

DAVID WALTON
Goldman Sachs International

Pro Ned sets out audit guidelines

BY GEORGE SIVELL, CITY EDITOR

St Johnston: offering help

PRO NED, the organisation that promotes non-executive directors, recommends that all listed companies should have audit committees composed entirely of independent non-executive directors.

It endorses the Cadbury committee recommendations, but emphasises that the audit committee exists to serve the board and has no executive powers of its own. The proposals come at the height of debate over the role of auditors and non-executive directors in ensuring correct running of company affairs. Pro Ned says the guidelines are aimed at helping executive and non-executive directors meet their legal responsibilities for ensuring the integrity of company accounting systems and financial reporting.

However, its guidelines stop short of setting out standard terms of reference for audit committees. Colin St Johnston, the managing director of Pro Ned, said: "We want to encourage boards to draw up their own terms of reference so that executive and non-executive directors are made to think about the audit committee's role and functions." Pro Ned proposes that audit committees should have written remits planned by the entire board. It suggests that the committees review the external audit, assess the value of fees and oversee the periodic rotation of audit partners to maintain an independent approach. The committees would also review half-yearly and annual financial statements before they go to the board and provide independent endorsement to documents during rights issues, acquisitions or bid defences.

CHANGE ON WEEK

THE POUND

US dollar
1.4945 (+0.0600)
German mark
2.4353 (+0.0466)
Exchange index
79.3 (+2.0)
Bank of England official close (4pm)

STOCK MARKET

FT 30 share
2268.6 (+0.6)
FT-SE 100
2900.1 (-15.8)
New York Dow Jones
3471.58 (+43.76)
Tokyo Nikkei Avge
18537.17 (+499.65)

BRITISH FUNDS

Stock Outstanding (£million)	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Gross red yld
	SHORTS (under 5 years)				
1,100	Treas 12¼% 1993	102[illegible]	-[illegible]	12.24	5.61
600	Fund 6% 1993	100[illegible]	-[illegible]	5.99	5.56
1,065	Treas 13¾% 1993	105[illegible]	-[illegible]	13.06	5.62
2,100	Treas 8½% 1994	102[illegible]	-[illegible]	8.30	5.69
550	Treas 14½% 1994	108[illegible]	-[illegible]	13.41	5.62
1,100	Exch 13½% 1994	108[illegible]	-[illegible]	12.49	5.82
1,900	Treas 10% 1994	104[illegible]	-[illegible]	9.53	5.81
1,240	Exch 12½% 1994	109	-[illegible]	11.47	5.87
1,900	Treas 9% 1994	104[illegible]	-[illegible]	8.58	5.90
2,350	Treas 12% 1995	110[illegible]	-[illegible]	10.85	5.97
214	Gas 3% 1990-95	95[illegible]	-[illegible]	3.12	4.70
2,500	Exch 10¼% 1995	109[illegible]	-[illegible]	9.39	6.02
840	Treas 12¾% 1995	116[illegible]	-[illegible]	10.99	6.13
770	Treas 14% 1996	119[illegible]	-[illegible]	11.69	6.32
1,150	Treas 15¼% 1996	124[illegible]	-[illegible]	12.24	6.45
800	Exch 13¼% 1996	119[illegible]	-[illegible]	11.12	6.44
3,409	Conv 10% 1996	111[illegible]	-[illegible]	9.00	6.56
1,280	Treas 13¼% 1997	121[illegible]	-[illegible]	10.87	6.68
3,700	Exch 10½% 1997	113[illegible]	-[illegible]	9.28	6.66
4,550	Treas 8¾% 1997	107[illegible]	-[illegible]	8.19	6.64
830	Exch 15% 1997	131[illegible]	-[illegible]	11.40	6.86
3,550	Exch 9¾% 1998	111[illegible]	-[illegible]	8.71	6.81
	MEDIUMS (5 to 15 years)				
2,500	Treas 7¼% 1998	102[illegible]	-[illegible]	7.14	6.83
1,200	Treas 6¾% 1995-98	100[illegible]	-[illegible]	6.72	6.66
935	Treas 15½% 1998	137[illegible]	-[illegible]	11.25	7.11
3,009	Exch 12% 1998	121[illegible]	-[illegible]	9.85	7.23
1,900	Treas 9½% 1999	111[illegible]	-[illegible]	8.50	7.00
3,050	Exch 12¼% 1999	123[illegible]	-[illegible]	9.89	7.28
1,252	Treas 10½% 1999	116[illegible]	-[illegible]	8.99	7.10
1,798	Conv 10¼% 1999	116[illegible]	-[illegible]	8.82	7.16
4,756	Conv 9% 2000	110[illegible]	-[illegible]	8.16	7.09
3,171	Treas 13% 2000	130[illegible]	-[illegible]	9.96	7.51
4,406	Treas 10% 2001	114[illegible]	-[illegible]	8.70	7.49
970	Treas 14% 1998-01	128[illegible]	-[illegible]	10.89	7.28
6,127	Treas 9¾% 2002	113[illegible]	-[illegible]	8.56	7.66
3,100	Treas 8pc 2003	52[illegible]	-[illegible]	7.78	7.61
2,503	Treas 10% 2003	115[illegible]	-[illegible]	8.65	7.81
1,620	Treas 11¾% 2001-04	122[illegible]	-[illegible]	9.42	7.76
493	Fund 3½% 1999-04	73[illegible]	-[illegible]	4.73	6.86
3,412	Conv 9½% 2004	111[illegible]	-[illegible]	8.52	7.98
4,842	Conv 9½% 2005	111[illegible]	-[illegible]	8.52	8.01
2,200	Treas 12½% 2003-05	130[illegible]	-[illegible]	9.58	8.12
2,000	Treas 8% 2002-06	100[illegible]	+[illegible]	7.94	7.96
5,150	Treas 11¾% 2003-07	124[illegible]	-[illegible]	9.43	8.07
2,997	Treas 8½% 2007	103[illegible]	-[illegible]	8.22	8.10
1,250	Treas 13½% 2004-08	138[illegible]	-[illegible]	9.73	8.12
	LONGS (over 15 years)				
4,321	Treas 9% 2008	109[illegible]	-[illegible]	8.36	8.15
2,500	Treas 8% 2009	98[illegible]	-[illegible]	8.10	8.18
2,923	Conv 9% 2011	107[illegible]	+[illegible]	8.41	8.26
4,850	Treas 9% 2012	107[illegible]	+[illegible]	8.41	8.27
1,000	Treas 5½% 2008-12	75[illegible]	+[illegible]	7.35	7.86
700	Treas 7¾% 2012-15	96[illegible]	+[illegible]	8.02	8.09
1,000	Exch 12% 2013-17	134[illegible]	+[illegible]	8.92	8.45
5,250	Treas 8¾% 2017	104[illegible]	+[illegible]	8.94	8.31
	UNDATED				
359	Consols 4%	47[illegible]	+[illegible]	8.38	...
1,909	War Ln 3½%	41[illegible]	+[illegible]	8.38	...
122	Conv 3½%	62[illegible]	-[illegible]	5.61	...
276	Consols 2½%	31[illegible]	-[illegible]	7.97	...
475	Treas 2½%	29[illegible]	+[illegible]	8.37	...
	INDEX-LINKED				
500	Treas IL 2% 1994	132	-[illegible]	...	1.26
1,200	Treas IL 2% 1996	196[illegible]	-[illegible]	1.61	2.29
500	Treas IL 4⅝% 1998	108[illegible]	-[illegible]	2.07	2.60
1,350	Treas IL 2½% 2001	160[illegible]	+[illegible]	2.58	2.80
800	Treas IL 2½% 2003	163[illegible]	+[illegible]	2.73	3.00
600	Treas IL 4⅜% 2004	111[illegible]	+[illegible]	2.85	3.11
1,350	Treas IL 2% 2006	169[illegible]	+[illegible]	2.93	3.13
1,400	Treas IL 2½% 2009	153[illegible]	+[illegible]	3.12	3.30
1,550	Treas IL 2½% 2011	159[illegible]	+[illegible]	3.20	3.36
1,980	Treas IL 2½% 2013	130[illegible]	+[illegible]	3.26	3.40
1,980	Treas IL 2½% 2016	130[illegible]	+[illegible]	3.32	3.47
1,550	Treas IL 2½% 2020	133[illegible]	+[illegible]	3.39	3.51
1,200	Treas IL 2½% 2024	111[illegible]	+[illegible]	3.41	3.53
650	Treas IL 4⅛% 2030	111[illegible]	+[illegible]	3.23	3.54

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Registered number: 992509. Trading Name: Kensington Court Hotel. Nature of business: Hotel. Trade classification 47. Date of appointment of administrative receivers: 11 March 1993. Name of person appointing the administrative receivers: Barclays Bank PLC. Joint Administrative Receivers: Peter Richard Copp and Geoffrey Stuart Kinlan (office holder nos. 1788 and 8268). Address: Stoy Hayward 8 Baker Street, London W1M 1DA.

Gadcare Limited
Registered number: 1290766. Nature of business: Property. Trade classification 47. Date of appointment of administrative receivers: 11 March 1993. Name of person appointing the administrative receivers: Barclays Bank PLC. Joint Administrative Receivers: Peter Richard Copp and Geoffrey Stuart Kinlan (office holder nos. 1788 and 8268). Address: Stoy Hayward 8 Baker Street, London W1M 1DA.

Grovesmere Limited
Registered number 2068242. Trading Name: Ambassadors Hotel. Nature of business: Hotel. Trade classification: 47. Date of appointment of administrative receivers: 11 March 1993. Name of person appointing the administrative receivers: Barclays Bank PLC. Joint Administrative Receivers: Peter Richard Copp and Geoffrey Stuart Kinlan (office holder nos. 1788 and 8268). Address: Stoy Hayward 8 Baker Street, London W1M 1DA.

Hotel Lily Limited
Registered number: 1082964. Trading Name: Hotel Lily. Nature of business: Hotel. Trade classification: 47. Date of appointment of administrative receivers: 11 March 1993. Name of person appointing the administrative receivers: Barclays Bank PLC. Joint Administrative Receivers: Peter Richard Copp and Geoffrey Stuart Kinlan (office holder nos. 1788 and 8268). Address: Stoy Hayward 8 Baker Street, London W1M 1DA.

Mallisson Properties Limited
Registered Number: 1827431. Nature of Business: Property acquisition and management. Trade Classification: 46. Date of Appointment of Joint Administrative Receivers: 11 March 1993. Name of Person Appointing the Joint Administrative Receivers: Fennoscandia Bank. Joint Administrative Receivers: L A Manning & B V Freakley (office holder numbers: 6477 & 8291) of: Buchler Phillips & Co. 84 Grosvenor Street, London W1X 9DF.

No 001420 of 1993
IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
CHANCERY DIVISION
IN THE MATTER OF HARE WINES & MINERALS LIMITED
AND IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES ACT 1985
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Petition was on the 18th February 1993 presented to Her Majesty's High Court of Justice for the confirmation of the reduction of the capital of the above-named Company from £1,000,000 to £100 by returning capital which is in excess of the wants of the Company.
AND NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the said Petition is directed to be heard before Mr Registrar Buckley at the Royal Courts of Justice, Strand, London WC2A 2LL on Wednesday the 31st day of March 1993.
ANY Creditor or Shareholder of the said Company desiring to oppose the making of an Order for the confirmation of the said reduction of capital should appear at the time of hearing in person or by Counsel for that purpose.
A copy of the said Petition will be furnished to any such person requiring the same by the undermentioned solicitors on payment of the regulated charge for the same.
DATED this 18th day of March 1993.
HILL TAYLOR DICKINSON
Irongate House, Duke's Place, London EC3A 7LP
Solicitors for the above-named Company

Notice of Appointment of Joint Administrative Receivers
Marco Polo International Limited
Registered Number: 2626619. Trading Name: Marco Polo International Limited. Nature of Business: Importers and Wholesalers. Trade Classification: 18. Date of Appointment of Administrative Receivers: 15 March 1993. Name of person appointing the Administrative Receivers: Royal Bank of Scotland. Joint Administrative Receivers: Melvyn L Rose FCA and Brian L Lasky FCA Office Holder Numbers 2861 and 7896. Address: Elliot, Woolfe & Rose, Lidgra House, 250 Kingsbury Road, London NW9 0BS.

Shelovin Hotels Limited
Registered number: 1906273. Trading Name: Ascot Hotel. Nature of business: Hotel. Trade classification: 47. Date of appointment of administrative receivers: 11 March 1993. Name of person appointing the administrative receivers: Barclays Bank PLC. Joint Administrative Receivers: Peter Richard Copp and Geoffrey Stuart Kinlan (office holder nos. 1788 and 8268). Address: Stoy Hayward 8 Baker Street, London W1M 1DA.

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The Craigmore Land and Produce Limited
(In Members' Voluntary Liquidation)
and in the Matter of The Insolvency Act 1986
Notice is hereby given that David Croxford of First Island House, Peter Street, St. Helier, Jersey, Channel Islands was appointed Liquidator of the above Company on 8th March, 1993.
Creditors are required on or before 16th day of April, 1993 to send their names and addresses and particulars of their debts to the Liquidator and, if so required, by notice in writing from the Liquidator, are to come in and prove their debts or in default thereof they will be excluded from the benefit of any distribution made before such debts are proved.
Dated this 16th day of March, 1993.
David Croxford, LIQUIDATOR.
N.B. This notice is purely formal. All known creditors have been, or will be, paid in full, but if any person considers he has a claim against the Company he should send in his claim forthwith.

THE INSOLVENCY RULES 1986
RULE 6.124(1)
NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT OF TRUSTEE
GARY BAKER
High Court No 8812 of 1992
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that I, Brian Lawrence Lasky FCA of Messrs Elliot, Woolfe & Rose, Lidgra House, 250 Kingsbury Road, London, NW9 0BS was appointed Trustee of GARY BAKER on 16 February 1993.
Dated this 17 day of March 1993
Brian L Lasky, Trustee.

The Insolvency Act 1986
GLENVALE LANDSCAPES LIMITED
(In Liquidation)
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Maurice Raymond Dorrington of 4 Charterhouse Square, London, EC1M 6EN was appointed Liquidator of the said Company by the members and creditors on 10th March 1993.
Dated this 17th day of March 1993
M.R. Dorrington, Liquidator

Tivlan Properties Limited
Registered number: 2039672. Nature of business: Property. Trade classification: 47. Date of appointment of administrative receivers: 11 March 1993. Name of person appointing the administrative receivers: Barclays Bank PLC. Joint Administrative Receivers: Peter Richard Copp and Geoffrey Stuart Kinlan (office holder nos. 1788 and 8268). Address: Stoy Hayward 8 Baker Street, London W1M 1DA.

THE MAILING COMPANY LTD
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 98 of The Insolvency Act, 1986, that a Meeting of the creditors of the above named Company will be held at the offices of Leonard Curtis & Co., situated at 30 Eastbourne Terrace, (2nd Floor), London, W2 6LF, on Friday, the 2nd day of April, 1993 at 12.00 noon for the purposes provided for in Section 98 et seq.
A list of names and addresses of the above Company's Creditors can be inspected at the offices of Leonard Curtis & Co., 30 Eastbourne Terrace, London, W2 6LF, between the hours of 10.00 am and 4.00 pm on the two business days preceding the Meeting of Creditors.
Dated the 17th day of March 1993.
LIAM D. KINCH, Director

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THE WEISS GALLERY LIMITED
(Company No. 1937084)
NOTICE is hereby given in accordance with Section 175 of the Companies Act 1985 that
1. the above named company ("the Company") has approved a payment out of capital for the purpose of acquiring its own shares by purchase.
2. the amount of the permissible capital payment for the shares in question is £77,500.
3. the date for the resolution for payment out of capital is 18th March 1993.
4. a Statutory Declaration and Auditors' Report required by Section 173 of the Companies Act 1985 are available for inspection at the Company's registered office, and
5. any creditor of the Company may at any time within the five weeks immediately following the date of the resolution for payment out of capital apply to the Court under Section 176 of the Companies Act 1985 for an order prohibiting the payment.
DATED 18th March 1993
P W.E. FITT,
Company Secretary

CONTRACTS & TENDERS

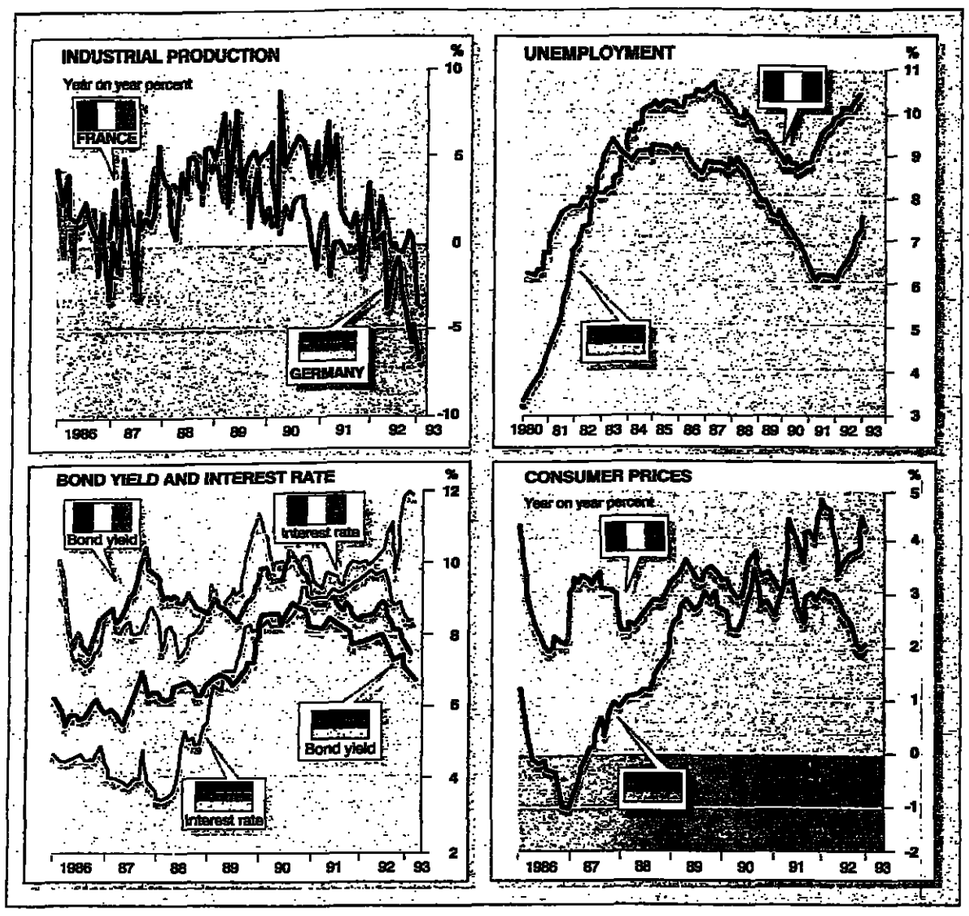
Aredor Distribution Ltd
announces the result of their sale by tender of one rough diamond weighing 284.96 carats from the Aredor Diamond Mine in Guinea.

The diamond was purchased by the International jeweller Mr Robert Mouawad of Geneva.

the tender was conducted by the sole selling agent of the Aredor-Guinea Mine, IDC (Holdings) Ltd, London and Antwerp

Bundesbank will still rule in Paris, however France votes

Economic ties between Bonn and Paris make the outcome of the French poll a foregone conclusion in one important respect, Ross Tieman says



The effort to restart Europe's drive to prosperity faces two central problems: the economy of Germany and the politics of France. Both are being addressed, by last week's modest cut in German domestic interest rates and by the French elections now underway.

But it will be many months before Europe's two most powerful economies return to a healthy enough state to arrest rising unemployment and help Britain export its way out of trouble.

In Germany, re-unification was the trigger for economic hiatus and still obscures the underlying trend. But we can see that west German industry is hurting, while reconstruction is proceeding apace in the east. No wonder the Bundesbank is making haste slowly towards lower interest rates. The bank jacked up the cost of borrowing to curtail a surge in inflation that followed reunification. In the middle of last year, its policies began to bite. By December, growth in west German gross domestic product was only 1.5 per cent, year on year. In the east, GDP growth was reckoned to be 6.8 per cent, making 2 per cent for the economy overall. This year, according to Thomas Mayer, an economist at Goldman Sachs in Frankfurt, the German economy is likely to contract a little. But a fall of up to 1 per cent in GDP in the west will be almost balanced by growth of 6 or 7 per cent in the east.

Underlying the regional split is a change in the nature of the German economy. Dear money does not hurt most German consumers because many live in rented homes and, in any case, mortgages are at fixed rates. Nor does it hurt companies much, because most have strong balance sheets and access to long-term bonds which remain cheap. What is hurting the manufacturing sector is the strength of the mark. This has compounded the decline in competitiveness caused by rising costs, especially of labour and environmental protection, and accelerated the contraction of manufacturing.

Industrial production is falling fast. Large chunks of automotive assembly and components manufacturing are emigrating, along with textiles. But the service sector is expanding, and even construction is doing well overall. In the past, according to Giorgio Radaelli, at Lehman Brothers, Germany has been a victim of its own excessive propensity to invest. Now, the economy is adopting a more normal pattern. The shift is highlighted by the number out of work, now exceeding 2 million. But the rate of labour shedding is low. The new additions to the unemployment register are mainly immigrants, generating tensions in a country accustomed to full employment.

The Bundesbank seems now to want to cut interest rates: Mr Mayer says it is going slowly for two reasons. Staged falls in the mark are easier for companies to absorb. More important, Helmut Schlesinger, the bank's president, wants to see consumers contributing more to the costs of modernising east Germany. Through their "solidarity pact", politicians and trade unions have agreed on tax rises and wage restraint. But to ease the pain in industry, the bank is demanding that politicians tighten fiscal policy in exchange for lower interest rates, and hence exchange rates. Even so, Germany appears destined to spend this year, and possibly the first half of next, in recession.

Germany's hiatus has been bad news for France and for the socialist party. Unless the opinion polls are wrong, the socialists are about to be turned out of office by an electorate imbued with a sense of economic crisis. Unemployment is close to 3 million, some 10.5 per cent of the workforce. Companies are collapsing right and left. Industrial production fell 0.5 per cent in the final quarter last year and economists are divided about whether growth will occur at all during 1993.

The cause of the slowdown is the French commitment to existing parities between the franc and mark. French interest rates have had to be maintained substantially above those of Germany, choking off growth despite the underlying soundness of the French economy.

Like their counterparts in Germany, cash-rich French consumers may actually be better off with high interest rates, but French companies are hurting badly. Medium and small firms, which rely on short-term borrowing for their working capital, have simultaneously been the victim of a wave of destocking, as well as falling sales in export markets.

French economists say this is the price of monetary credibility and that it is worth paying. According to Jean-Paul Betbeze, head of economics at Crédit Lyonnais, once the *franc fort* has established its credibility as the *franc sérieux* the historic interest rate premium needed to retain international funds in France, some 2.5 per cent, will evaporate. French rates will tumble into line with German rates and then track them downwards.

Thus far, the leaders of the right wing coalition, who are expected to emerge with control of the national assembly, are committed to maintaining the franc's parity with the mark as the cornerstone of the ERM. But France did not benefit from last week's German rate cut. While Ireland, Belgium, the Netherlands and Denmark were able to cut rates, the franc remained weak, closing at Fr3.41 to the mark on Friday, only two centimes above its ERM floor. The franc is expected to come under selling pressure again today after the first round of elections. The markets will be looking for an early restatement of French politicians' support for the franc's parity with the mark. If it is forthcoming, speculators may be deterred from returning to the attack on the franc. But time is running out. M Betbeze now foresees growth of 0.6 per cent this year, half the level his team predicted a month ago. Confidence tends to decline in the absence of good news. In the case of the franc, that maxim may soon reassert itself. So France desperately needs further German rate cuts. The omens are fair. Last week's 0.5 per cent cut in the German discount rate, to 7.5 per cent, has restored the gap with the 9 per cent Lombard rate, more significant to international investors, to its traditional proportions. Economists agree the stage is now set for a cut in the Lombard rate.

Even so, a return to the growth needed in France and Germany to deal with rising budget deficits and cut unemployment will take a long time. Small wonder that the main parties in France are committed to establishing an independent central bank this year. If France and Germany are to maintain their course toward monetary union, the French need a bargaining counter to give them enough sway over a combined central bank to ensure the French economy will never again be sacrificed on the altar of German monetary policy.

Until then, the French government, whatever its hue, will continue to delegate to Herr Schlesinger the role of unelected super-president of France and unwilling arbiter of French economic fortunes, so long as the franc stays in the ERM — and the markets allow the French to abdicate their national responsibilities.

Admission of gilts

THE Bank of England's announcement on Friday of the next gilt-edged auction suggests it is already showing the strain of meeting the government's funding needs. As implied in its Budget day announcement, the Bank has shortened the notice period for auctions from 14 to ten working days. With so many auctions to arrange, the Bank cannot afford to give the market excessive notice.

The auction is also likely to be of record size. The Bank announced last week that auctions will be worth up to £4 billion, £1 billion higher than the previous limit. Simple arithmetic suggests that monthly auctions need to be worth at least £3 billion each to meet funding requirements, compared with the current record of £2.75 billion, which was set last June.

The stock to be issued should be part-paid, with the first instalment due on April 1, making it the first cash inflow of the new financial year. But the instalments are likely to be fewer, larger and closer together than previous auctions. With so much funding to be done, the Bank cannot afford to confuse investors and weigh down the market with too many payment dates. The most heartening aspect of the issue is its long maturity of 15 to 20 years. The Bank feels there is still sufficient demand for long-term paper among institutions and it does not yet need to offer shorter maturities to attract foreign investors or the banks, now their purchases count towards funding requirements.

The Bank's confidence looks well placed. Yields at the longer end of the curve may rise marginally as the market absorbs the issue, but demand looks firm and the issue is unlikely to yield much more than 8.1 per cent, unless an aberrant shift in interest rates or government policy pulls prices lower.

Less positive is the Bank's abandonment of its commitment to a 28-day fallow period, during which it will not sell any other gilts of a similar maturity. The Bank now says it will refrain from further issues only for an unspecified "reasonable period". This may not give market-makers grounds for confidence when making their bids, but they should rest assured the Bank has no interest in flooding and crashing the market when the task ahead is so onerous.

BPB Industries

EVER so quietly, BPB Industries is pushing another 10 per cent price increase through on its plasterboard at the end of the month. Prices for its board have risen by up to 30 per cent in its main European markets in the past year, increases that have stuck and been matched by Knauf and Lafarge, BPB's two main competitors.

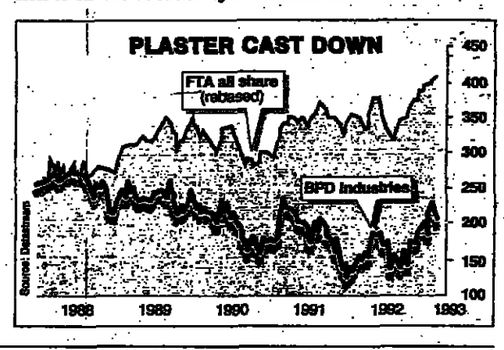
This is heartening for shareholders, since it a clear sign that there is an armistice in the plasterboad price war, which has cost the three companies more than £600 million in lost profits in the past three years.

Admittedly, the latest increase looks less ambitious when seen in context. The average price for board is now less than 80p a square metre, compared with £1.34 at the peak in 1988.

The group wants to restore the price to £1, but will struggle to attain this while demand remains so weak. While the price war has been expensive, however, it has squeezed out most of the three companies' independent competitors in Europe and left them in control of a market where long-term demand is forecast to grow by 4 per cent a year.

Despite the improvement in margins, volumes in Europe are still flat, so BPB is pressing ahead with its decision to cut the dividend by a third, to 7.5p, for the year to March 31. That will ensure it is fully covered. Next year, profits should recover by as much as half, to £80 million.

It will be years before BPB's profits return to the £200 million reached before the price war began, and a prospective p/e ratio of 19 does not look a bargain. But BPB now has a solid share of a growth market; few other companies in its sector can match that.



Costain

IF PEACE of mind has a monetary value, for Costain it is worth $45 million. That is probably cheap at the price if the alternative is months or years of drubbing from Hanson lawyers in the American courts.

The way Costain has extricated itself from the muddle over the sale of its Australian operations, while avoiding a further damaging legal action from the other potential buyer, Altus Finance of France, might allow for a few more restful nights, but it hardly answers the more fundamental questions hanging over the company.

All in all, after adjustments for subsequent events, Hanson's offer for the Australian business is not too different in dollars to the price on offer back in September. The pound's fall has added another £8 million to the proceeds in sterling terms, after allowing for the pay-off to Altus and the unspecified but presumably substantial legal costs spent fighting Hanson to a standstill, but not the interest lost in the interim on the estimated £199 million proceeds of sale.

The sale leaves a group with debts in the region of £150 million, a housebuilding business that made a loss last year, a small and only marginally profitable contracting side and an American mining business with a performance that looks distinctly below par.

The disposal will at least sweeten the blow of Costain's forthcoming 1992 figures, which could show losses of £150 million before tax. But the shares remain for gamblers only.

Rentokil

HOW generous Rentokil was when it added 5 per cent to its dividend last week, to compensate institutional investors for the loss of income after the Chancellor cut dividend tax relief to 20 per cent, particularly since this was on top of a payout that was already lifted by more than 30 per cent.

Unfortunately, the group is unlikely to set a trend. Perhaps David Newbigging, the chairman, who is coincidentally the chairman of Ivory & Sime, the Edinburgh fund manager, was a factor in its enlightenment.

More important, Rentokil's dividend is more than three times covered even after the increase, while many other companies are paying unchanged dividends out of reserves.

THE TIMES CITY DIARY

Pay barrier to top IBM job

CORPORATE America's biggest prize it may be, but not one that any of the more plausible contestants seem willing to receive. George Fisher, chairman of Motorola, became the third US executive this week publicly to rule himself out of the running to be the next chairman of IBM. He follows the example of Apple Computer's John Sculley, and Allied Signal's Lawrence Bossidy. The spotlight appears to be shifting to Louis V Gerstner, a former American Express executive whose signature used to adorn their travellers' cheques. Gerstner, 51, is now chief executive of RJR Nabisco, the food and tobacco giant. But, of the many hurdles to the IBM crown, money could be the largest. Gerstner was poached from Amex to RJR in 1989 and given a $15 million signing-on fee, a five-year contract at $2.6 million a year and 4.4 million RJR share options at $5 a share, which today would give him a clear $14 million profit. If optimists prove right about RJR's shares more than doubling to $20, he could walk off with $70 million. By contrast, John Akers, outgoing IBM chairman and chief executive, took a pay cut to $1.3 million last year as the computer company plunged almost $5 billion into the red.

Mail moan

THE Office of Fair Trading appeared to be caught up in a touch of double dealing last week. An OFT press release heralding the publication of Sir Bryan Carsberg's report on the life assurance industry was mailed out with a release from Hymans Robertson, the consulting actuaries, welcoming the publication. Wasn't this a bit too much like Bernard Matthews and the turkey breeders' federation sharing an envelope? "The fact is there was no intention that this should happen," said Sue Jones, the OFT's chief press officer. "I am taking it up with PIMS [who handled the mailing]. We are not happy about it." A sentiment those in the insurance industry opposed to Sir Bryan's attempt at *glasnost* will no doubt share.

Talking cash

THOSE inhabitants of the jungle that is the Square Mile who are not planning to run 26.2 miles on April 18 to "Save the Rhino", have another chance to display a bit of civilised altruism. The charity, which expects to raise £100,000 from the London marathon, has upped the fund-raising stakes by inviting the more physically challenged to a Guildhall reception on April 1. Robert Swan, the United Nations environment programme's ambassador for youth and now industry who has walked to both Poles, is the main speaker. His philosophy is simple: Swan, who recently raised £500,000 in the City to repay debts incurred when his ship went down off the South Pole during his 1989 expedition, wants to persuade City and industry that there is money to be made in protecting the environment. The reception, sponsored by the Corporation of London and titled "Who is the fool?", starts at 6 pm. Those attending will be asked to donate £15 to the cause.

Gerstner: IBM spotlight

Logo mania

STANDARD Life is the latest British company to adopt a new logo — or "corporate identity", as the Edinburgh life assurance group has put it to policy holders. T R King, general manager and director, promises that the new logo, based on a "seal of excellence", will give his company a brighter and more up-to-date image. "It is more than just a cosmetic change... it is a symbol of our determination to stay at the forefront of the financial services industry through our on-going commitment to first class performance and customer care." The letter to policyholders is careful to avoid discussing the sum of money involved, presumably because it goes on to say that investment returns will be lower this year.

MELINDA WITTSTOCK

Contradiction of money targets

From Mr John Poynton

Sir, The Chancellor has set a target range for the M4 measure of money supply expansion of between 3 and 9 per cent, from which I infer that an expansion in excess of 9 per cent will cause a breach of his inflation targets, and that a shortfall below 3 per cent will produce insufficient economic recovery. Yet with the current level of M4 expansion still below 3 per cent, the Chancellor has also announced that he will continue to fully fund the PSBR through the sale of gilts. It seems to me that there is a direct contradiction between these two statements.

In fact, the Chancellor has it within his power to manage the outturn of M4 with a reasonable degree of accuracy, simply by topping up any shortfall in private sector borrowing with sufficient government borrowing from the banking system, leaving only the balance of the PSBR to be raised in gilts. In the short term this will produce a traditional Keynesian recovery, but with the fallback position in the medium term that, as private-sector borrowing grows towards the mid-range 6 per cent M4 target, he can return to a full-funding policy at any time, and that in the longer term, as M4 approaches 9 per cent, he can raise interest rates again in good time to protect the inflation targets. This government has been surprised too often by the way the economy has failed to respond to its policies. It would be a tragedy if it were to happen again.

Yours faithfully,
JOHN POYNTON,
The Pines, Park Grove,
Chalfont St Giles,
Buckinghamshire.

Tight bank credit is forcing steel firms to close

From the President of The British Constructional Steelwork Association Limited

Sir, My industry, steel construction, has been one of the hardest hit by the recession, with 150 company closures and 20,000 job losses since 1989. At last, we are seeing some signs of recovery, but the attitude of the banks to the provision of credit facilities is forcing companies with good order books into receivership at an ever accelerating rate.

By the nature of our business as sub-contractors in the construction industry, we often have to finance our work (steel purchase, fabrication and site erection) weeks and months before receiving payment from the client or main contractor. We are now experiencing a surge in export enquiries and improving prospects on the home market. Yet some banks are taking the first available opportunity to force companies into receivership. Well established companies, having fought to survive the past three years and win recent orders, are being forced to close because their banks refuse to provide credit to enable them to buy raw materials and provide employment.

What a tragic indictment of the UK banking system; something has to change — either the attitude of the banks or the way in which the entire UK construction industry carries out its payment and contractual business.

Yours faithfully,
A. F. COLLINS,
President,
The British Constructional Steelwork Association Limited,
4 Whitehall Court,
Westminster, SW1.

Why Britain needs to have a strategic energy policy

From the Chief Executive of Nuclear Electric

Sir, Professor Robinson argues ("Time to plug UK energy policy into the market", March 11) that there should be more competition in electricity generation. He's right — but in arriving at his conclusions he's guilty of the same short-term thinking that he criticises in government. Within 20 years we will see coal in our existing deep mines virtually exhausted and at least half our North Sea gas gone. We are in danger of becoming far too dependent on foreign energy. That's why we need a strategic energy policy.

Within that policy, there must of course be the kind of competition that Professor Robinson argues for. But he ignores three main points.

Firstly, straightforward free market competition may well be good for consumers and certainly for shareholders. But it could be disastrous for the environment. Any energy policy must take the full costs of generation — and clean-up — into account. Nuclear power generation uniquely covers all its costs and doesn't generate greenhouse or acid gases.

Secondly, whatever the history of the British designed Magnox and AGR stations, they are now performing excellently. The AGRs in particular have been transformed under Nuclear Electric's management. All five are operating at well over 1,000 megawatts each, at or near their design rating. That's why we are in real competition against the privatised generators. It makes perfect sense to keep running all these stations with their avoidable costs at around 1.2p per unit.

Thirdly, why on earth put an artificial moratorium on new nuclear plant? If it's genuinely competitive it will sell itself — even to private investors. The Sizewell B design, replicated as a twin PWR at Sizewell C, will produce at well under 3p per unit for over 40 years of life with no subsidy at all. Its design is so competitive that it is already attracting international interest and could well begin construction in Taiwan before we've sorted out our UK energy priorities.

It's already clear that coal needs nuclear for environmental reasons, that National Power and PowerGen, facing the competition of Magnox and AGR, are sharpening their own commercial edge — and that new PWRs will be genuinely competitive with any other form of power generation.

Yours faithfully,
ROBERT HAWLEY,
Chief Executive,
Nuclear Electric Plc,
Barnett Way,
Barnwood, Gloucester.

Protect customers

From Mr Peter J. R. Bradley

Sir, In the light of Mr Wray's sad tale (March 18) with Lloyds Bank and the government's total indifference to small businesses and bank customers in general, perhaps we should form a Bank Customer Protection Society. The banks would have us all believe that complaints are few. Your columns prove otherwise.

Yours faithfully,
PETER J. R. BRADLEY,
14 Well Street,
Buckingham.

Answers from page 36

RDH

(a) Name of the Anglo-Saxon and Icelandic letter, also the phonetic symbol known as the crossed D, pronounced as a soft *th* as in *other*, also written as *eth*: "The Old English scribes confused matters a little by using two symbols, thorn and edh, indiscriminately."

SYKES

(c) A blue grey guenon monkey native to East Africa, *Cercopithecus albogularis*, eponym from William Henry Sykes (1790-1872), English soldier and naturalist: "Major Sykes subsequently called the attention of the Committee to a Monkey presented by him to the society."

KERES

(b) A Pueblo Indian people inhabiting parts of New Mexico, also the language of the Keres, forming the Keresan group, American Indian: "The Pueblo Indians number about 10,000. They are usually classified according to language into four or five stocks. Acoma and Laguna to the west and, to the east, of five towns on Tewa and the people of Jemez."

PITCHI

(a) A dish or container hollowed out of a single log, Australian Aboriginal: "The name pitchi is in general use, by the whites of the parts traversed by the Expedition, for the wooden vessels used for carrying food and water, and, occasionally, infants."

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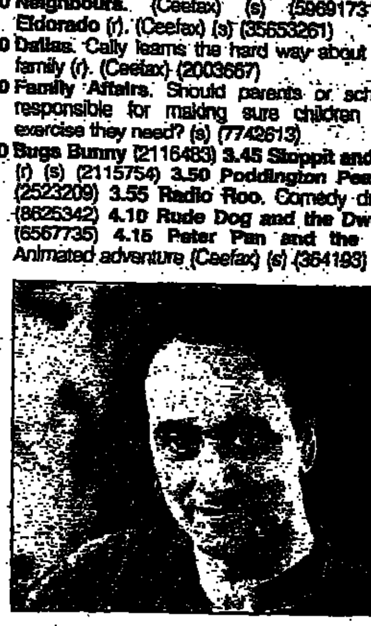
BBC1

6.00am Business Breakfast (55087) **7.00 Breakfast News** (75991938)
9.05 Kilroy (s) (5064261) **9.45 Ross King** (s) (4350990)
10.00 News, regional news and weather (3578713) **10.05 Playdays**. For the very young (s) (7083193)
10.30 Good Morning . . . with Anne and Nick. Magazine series (s) (56540280)
12.15pm Pebble Mill. Alan Titchmarsh's guest is the pop star Chris Isaak (s) (6395464) **12.55 Regional news** and weather (29607803)
1.00 One O'Clock News with Philip Hayton. (Ceefax) Weather (99358)
1.30 Neighbours. (Ceefax) (s) (59691731) **1.50 Eldorado** (r). (Ceefax) (s) (35653261)
2.20 Dallas. Cally learns the hard way about her new family (r). (Ceefax) (2003667)
3.10 Family Affairs. Should parents or schools be responsible for making sure children get the exercise they need? (s) (7742613)
3.40 Bugs Bunny (2116483) **3.45 Sloppit and Tidyup** (r) (s) (2115754) **3.50 Poddington Peas** (r) (s) (2523209) **3.55 Radio Roo**. Comedy drama (s) (8625342) **4.10 Rude Dog and the Dweebs** (r) (6567735) **4.15 Peter Pan and the Pirates**. Animated adventure (Ceefax) (s) (364193)



Telling children's tales: Art Malik (4.45pm)

4.45 Haroun and the Sea of Stories. Salman Rushdie's story for older children is told in five parts by Art Malik (s) (3708209)
5.00 Newsround. News for children (2405829)
5.10 Blue Peter. Featuring the St John Ambulance "Breath of Life" campaign. (Ceefax) (s) (4291483)
5.35 Neighbours (r). (Ceefax) (s) (376209). Northern Ireland: Inside Ulster
6.00 Six O'Clock News with John Humphrys and Moira Stuart. (Ceefax) Weather (241)
6.30 Regional News Magazines (551). Northern Ireland: Neighbours
7.00 Eldorado. (Ceefax) (s) (1782)
7.30 Watchdog. Consumer series (Ceefax) (735)
8.00 2 point 4 Children. Andrew Marshall's true-to-life domestic comedy series starring Belinda Lang and Gary Olsen (r). (Ceefax) (s) (2990)
8.30 Bonjour la Classe. Last in the inconsistent school comedy starring Nigel Planer as the hapless French teacher Laurence Didcott. (Ceefax) (s) (1025)
9.00 Nine O'Clock News with Michael Buerk. (Ceefax) Regional news and weather (9261)
9.30 Panorama: The Peace Penalty. Julian O'Halloran reports on Britain's military cuts and the resultant job losses in the defence sector (939087)
10.10 Film 93 with Barry Norman. The craggy critic reviews *Forever Young* with Mel Gibson and *The Distinguished Gentleman* starring Eddie Murphy (s) (522613). Northern Ireland: The Corner House; Wales: Nightshift 10.35 Cagney and Lacey
10.40 Cagney and Lacey. Cagney experiences a family tragedy (r). (Ceefax) (361342). Northern Ireland: *Our Roving Reporter 10.45 Film 93 11.15 Cagney and* Lacey
11.30 Who Cares Now? *Jonathan Miller asks whether an* elderly person with signs of dementia should be cared for at home or in hospital (r). (Ceefax) (85613). Wales: 11.25 Film 93 11.55-12.25 Who Cares Now?
12.00 Weather (1136052). Northern Ireland (to 12.30): Who Cares Now?

BBC2

6.45 Open University: Animal Physiology (4032342) *7.10* The Present in the Past — Greek Drama (3606280) **7.35** Changing Britain — The Multinational (7712483)
8.00 Breakfast News (3277716)
8.15 Westminster. Parliamentary update (3290667)
8.30 In the Making. Ronald Lancaster, a housemaster and ordained priest, is fascinated by fireworks (r) (4625483) **8.50 A Week to Remember** (b/w). This week in 1953 as reported by Pathé News (7958938)
9.00 Daytime on Two. Educational programmes, including, for children **1.20 Fiddley Foodle Bird** (87841280) and **1.35 Anytime Tales** told by Victoria Wood (86455342)
2.15 Regional Westminster Programmes (655342). Northern Ireland: Greenfingers
2.45 Six Faces of Royalty. *Portraits of Charles I* discussed by Sir Roy Strong (r) (2170396)
3.00 News (Ceefax) and weather (3582700) followed by **Village Praise** from the West Highlands (r). (Ceefax) (s) (6306006) **3.40 A Week to Remember** (b/w) (r) (2105377) **3.50 News** (Ceefax), regional news and weather (2194261)
4.00 Film: The Mad Miss Manton (1938, b/w). A comic murder mystery with Barbara Stanwyck as an eccentric heiress who turns sleuth after discovering dead bodies. Leigh Jason directs (9650700)
5.20 Holiday Outings. Malaysia (r) (1320990)
5.30 Gardeners' World. Includes a report on what makes a top-quality pedigree tree (r). (Ceefax) (s) (700)
6.00 The Addams Family (b/w). The ghoulish Morticia becomes an unlikely children's writer (r). (Ceefax) (840342)
6.25 DEF II begins with **Fresh Prince of Bel-Air**. American comedy series (s) (939700) **6.50 Annie Lennox — Diva**. The Brit-award winning star speaks frankly in interview (r) (s) (420795)
7.20 Animation Now. A Tex Avery cartoon (234667)

Peter Jablonski and Evelyn Glennie (7.30pm)

7.30 Soundbites. Classical music and chat. British soprano Lesley Garrett and 21-year-old Swedish pianist Peter Jablonski join Evelyn Glennie (s) (377)
8.00 Horizon. (Ceefax) (s) See Choice (674551)
8.50 Lucinda Lambton's Alphabet of Britain: B is for Belfast. The enthusiastic Lambton finds Belfast a city "thunderingly alive with the pride of the place". (Ceefax) (s) (491445)
9.00 Film: The Quick and the Dead (1987). A traditional western about settlers from the east trying to make a home in the violent west of the 1800s. Directed by Robert Day and starring Sam Elliott and Tom Conti (8532)
10.30 Newsnight with Peter Snow (916777)
11.15 The Late Show. Arts and media (s) (112803)
11.55 Weatherview (835532)
12.00-12.25am Build a Better Business (2051897)

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CHOICE

Biblical scholar: Father O'Connor (BBC2, 8.00pm)

Horizon: Resurrecting the Dead Sea Scrolls
BBC2, 8.00pm

You might have thought the Dead Sea scrolls were an old story. They were, after all, discovered more than 40 years ago and their clues to the dating of the Bible are well known. But the scrolls remained in the control of a small group of scholars and *their contents were largely* unpublished. Until, that is, the end of last year when *two American academics. Michael Wise and Robert* Eisenman, brought out unauthorised translations of more than 50 texts. *In doing so, they reopened debates* about the sort of people who wrote the scrolls and the *evidence they provide about Judaism and Christianity.* As Teresa Hunt's intriguing film reveals, not only do Wise and Eisenman part company with the academic establishment but they disagree with each other.

Roots Schmoots: Bedevilled
Channel 4, 9.00pm

The final part of Howard Jacobson's search for the meaning of Jewishness takes him across Europe and has a firmer and more logical structure. In Germany his preoccupation with the holocaust leads him to the remains of Dachau. In Warsaw, which once had the world's largest Jewish population outside New York, he finds that his race has all but disappeared. In the Lithuanian village where his great-grandfather was born, the Jewish cemetery lies derelict. Although Jacobson begins in jokey style by wearing lederhosen in Bavaria, there is a harder edge to his commentary this time. All the same what could have been a personal and moving film is repeatedly undercut by weakness for the flip line and the smart aphorism.

Medics
ITV, 9.00pm

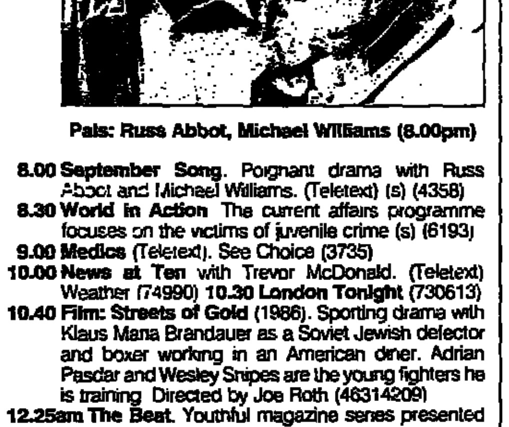
After a languid start, the hospital series moves up a gear this week. *In fact it is drama all the way, with no* fewer than seven running stories jostling for our *attention. None of them, disappointingly, involves the* most flamboyant character, Tom Baker's irascible *professor. Meanwhile we have a mix, not always a* comfortable one, between ethical dilemmas, medical *politics* and soap *opera. The most sombre plotline* concerns a woman who gives birth to a brain-*damaged baby. The soap element involves* Claire (Francesca Ryan), another baby, and the various men in *her life. The show* is watchable but not gripping. Perhaps seven plotlines is spreading the material too thin. Perhaps we need more of Tom Baker.

South: Flicks'n' Fantasies
Channel 4, 10.55pm

Two documentaries from the developing world present contrasting views of cinema. In Bangladesh a thriving industry turns out 70 to 80 features a year. A menu of idyllic romance and kung fu provides escapist entertainment for the country's poor. A moving little film concentrates on one of the fans, a rickshaw boy who goes to the pictures twice a week to forget his hard *life. A report from Tunis* and *Senegal reflects* the concern in Africa that cinema (and television) screens *are being flooded with American films at the expense* of home-grown products. Distributors say that Rambo *pulls in the audiences. Critics are concerned that* western films project life styles which are irrelevant and unattainable.
Peter Waymark

ITV LONDON

6.00 GMTV with guests Pat Boone and Marc Almond (5553322)
9.25 Jeopardy! Steve Jones hosts the daily quiz (3527367) **9.55 London Today** (7996613)
10.00 The Time . . . The Place . . . (1695938)
10.35 This Morning Richard Madeley and Judy Finnigan with agony aunt Denise Robertson and cook Susan Brookes (32700158)
12.10 Tots TV. Children's puppet series (s) (6877445)
12.30 ITN Lunchtime News with Nicholas Owen and Sonia Ruseler (Teletext) Weather (4909377) **1.05 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (57104209)
1.15 Home and Away (Teletext) (731716) **1.45 A Country Practice**. Medical drama in the Australian outback (s) (730087)
2.15 Capital Woman. The bouncy Anneka Rice presents features for women (s) (755396) **2.45 Families**. Soap linking the north of England with Australia (s) (3042025)
3.10 ITN News headlines (3673006) **3.15 London Today** (Teletext) (3672377) **3.20 Blockbusters** hosted by Bob Holness (s) (9617648)
3.50 The Real Ghostbusters Spooky cartoon (r) (3559174) **4.15 Runaway Bay** Children's series set in Martinique. (Teletext) (s) (359261) **4.45 Go Wild!** Items on recycling old clothes plus a grunge fashion show — surely the same thing? (s) (3621613)
5.10 Home and Away (Teletext) (6379280)
5.40 ITN Early Evening News with John Suchet (Teletext) Weather (933025)
6.00 London Tonight with Alastair Stewart and Fiona Foster (33236)
7.00 Wish You Were Here . . ? Judith Chalmers enjoys the company of Jason Donovan on the island of Bali. John Carter continues his train journey through the Far East, and Victoria Studd finds another unusual Landmark Trust holiday home (Teletext) (s) (8385)
7.30 Coronation Street (Teletext) (803)

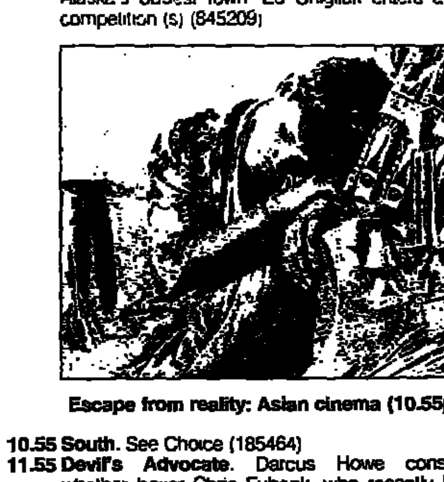


Pals: Russ Abbot, Michael Williams (8.00pm)

8.00 September Song. Poignant drama with Russ Abbot and Michael Williams. (Teletext) (s) (4358)
8.30 World in Action The current affairs programme focuses on the victims of juvenile crime (s) (6193)
9.00 Medics (Teletext). See Choice (3735)
10.00 News at Ten with Trevor McDonald. (Teletext) Weather (74990) **10.30 London Tonight** (730613)
10.40 Film: Streets of Gold (1986). Sporting drama with Klaus Maria Brandauer as a Soviet Jewish defector and boxer working in an American diner. Adrian Pasdar and Wesley Snipes are the young fighters he is training. Directed by Joe Roth (46314209)
12.25am The Beat. Youthful magazine series presented by Gary Crowley (s) (5197743)
1.25 Sport AM. Golfing action from the Volvo Tour plus European soccer (8206120)
2.25 The Twilight Zone. Classic sci-fi (8055830)
2.40 60 Minutes. American news show (4417255)
3.30 Videofashion. The Van Cleef and Arples jewellery business (62149) **4.00 Hollywood Report**. *Entertainment gossip (r)* (43014)
4.30 Cinema, Cinema, Cinema. Hot film production *news (r)* (38033)
5.00 Riviera. French drama (14753)
5.30 News (86976). *Ends at 6.00*

CHANNEL 4

5.50 Sesame Street. Lively early learning series (r) (6010483)
6.45 Dennis Animated adventures (9101629)
7.00 The Big Breakfast The ratings-friendly alternative breakfast show presented by Chris Evans and Gaby Roslin (12209)
9.00 You Bet Your Life Bill Cosby hosts the American quiz game in which perspiring contestants attempt to be witty (91667)
9.30 Schools (476735)
12.00 Right to Reply Viewers have their say (r) (Teletext) (s) (71803)
12.30pm Sesame Street Jazz and gospel singers Take 6 visit the gang (10957)
1.30 Chicken Minute. Puppet series. Today romance is in the air as Muppelly falls for Anatole (r) (s) (29938)
2.00 Film: The Good Die Young (1954, b/w) Gritty, fast-moving thriller in which four men, led by a psychotic playboy (Laurence Harvey), embark on a mail van robbery which goes drastically wrong. Co-stars Richard Basehart, John Ireland and Stanley Baker. Directed by Lewis Gilbert and featuring star turns from Joan Collins and Robert Morley (528209)
3.50 Very Polite Gustav A thought-provoking Hungarian cartoon demonstrating how everyday civility disappears in the face of an emergency (2516919)
3.55 Gardens Without Borders Alan Mason visits the Château du Gourdon in Monaco (r) (Teletext) (s) (1447193)
4.30 Countdown Richard Whiteley with the words and numbers game (716)
5.00 The Late Late Show Gay Byrne presents the chat show from Dublin (6551)
6.00 Children's Ward Drama in a busy hospital. The patients who disappeared from the ward have now been brought back. Next question, who's been drinking alcohol? Billy (Tim Vincent) seems to be chief suspect (r) (209)
6.30 The Cosby Show Cliff (Bill Cosby) is left to babysit when the rest of the family escape to a Michael Jackson concert. His charges may be just two-months old, but, reasons Cliff, you are never too young to hear some grandfatherly advice. (261)
7.00 Channel 4 News with Jon Snow (Teletext) Weather (395006)
7.50 Comment Michael Clarke calls for radical new ideas to guarantee international security (906532)
8.00 Brookside Scouse soap Trevor is pressurising Mandy, and Mike has become smitten by his next-door neighbour (2700)
8.30 Teenage Health Freak Comedy drama with Alex Langdon as the neurotic youngster (s) (4735)
9.00 Roots Schmoots. (Teletext) See Choice (1377)
10.00 Northern Exposure Cultish comedy drama set in Alaska's oddest town. Ed Chigliak enters a film competition (s) (845209)



Escape from reality: Asian cinema (10.55pm)

10.55 South. See Choice (185464)
11.55 Devil's Advocate. Darcus Howe considers whether boxer Chris Eubank, who recently led a "peace mission" to Manchester's Moss Side, is an appropriate role model for young people (645782)
12.45am The Story of . . . Rod Stewart. Film and video *clips tell the story of the singer's long career in rock.* Classic moments include his "Hot Legs" duet with *raunchy* Tina Turner (r) (289694). Ends at **1.45**

VARIATIONS

ANGLIA
As London except: 2.15-2.45 Yan Can Cook (755396) **3.20-3.50** The Young Doctors (9817648) **5.10-5.40** Blockbusters (6379280) **6.00** Home and Away (940396) **6.25-7.00** Anglia News (631025) **10.40** Love Call (198938) **11.40** Nigel Mansell's Indycar 93 (220396) **12.40** The Equalizer (4474507) **1.35** Sport AM (3431526) **2.35** Donahue (8829236) **3.30** The Beat (75472) **4.30** Riviera (38033) **5.00-5.30** Jobfinder (14753)

BORDER
As London except: 2.15-2.45 Graham Kerr (755396) **3.20-3.50** Sons and Daughters (9817648) **6.00** Lookaround (667) **6.30-7.00** *Take the High Road* (919) **10.40** Film: Moving Violations (82520358) **12.20** Rock Sport (4048033) **12.40** The Equalizer (4474507) **1.35** Sport AM (3431526) **2.35** Donahue (8829236) **3.30** The Beat (75472) **4.30** *Riviera* (38033) **5.00-5.30** *Jobfinder* (14753)

CENTRAL
As London except: 1.15 A Country Practice *(731716)* **1.45** *Home and Away* (730087) **2.15-2.45** Graham Kerr (79049280) **3.20-3.50** GP (9817648) **5.10-5.40** Blockbusters (6379280) **6.00** Home and Away (940396) **6.25-7.00** Central News (631025) **10.40** It's a Living (318754) **11.10** *Film: In the Glitter* Palace (677071) **12.55** Crime Story (5872965) **1.55** McCloud (1202507) **3.20** 60 Minutes (6850385) **4.15** Jobfinder (3398781) **4.50** Karm Bhoomi (79142507) **5.20-5.30** Asian Eye (2645365)

GRANADA
As London except: 1.15 A Country Practice (731716) **1.45** Home and Away (730087) **2.15-3.10** Island Son (7628667) **3.20-3.50** *Sons and Daughters* (9817648) **5.10-5.40** Hunt the Pie (6379280) **6.00** Home and Away (667) **6.30-7.00** Granada Tonight (919) **10.40** Film: Moving Violations (82520358) **12.20** Rock Sport (3431526) **12.40** The *Equalizer* (4474507) **1.35** Sport AM (3431526) **2.35** Donahue (8829236) **3.30** The Beat (75472) **4.30** Riviera (38033) **5.00-5.30** Jobfinder (14753)

HTV WEST
As London except: 1.45 Blockbusters *(730087)* **2.15-2.45** *Graham Kerr (755396)* **3.20-3.50** The Sullivans (9817648) **6.00-7.00** HTV News (93236) **10.40** Extra Time (118975) **11.25** Rock Sport (444700) **11.40** Life Goes On (220396) **12.40** The Equalizer *(4474507)* **1.35** *Sport AM (3431526)* **2.35** Donahue (8829236) **3.30** The Beat (75472) **4.30** Riviera (38033) **5.00-5.30** Jobfinder

HTV WALES
As HTV West except: 6.00 Wales at Six **6.30-7.00** Primetime **10.40** Portrait of Rebecca **11.25-11.40** Better Late

MERIDIAN
As London except: 2.15-2.45 I Can Do That (755396) **3.20-3.50** The Young Doctors (9817648) **6.00** Meridian Tonight (667) **6.30-7.00** Country Ways (919)

TYNE TEES
As London except: 1.45-2.45 Brand New Life (2781700) **3.20-3.50** The Young Doctors (9817648) **6.00** Tyne Tees Today (667) **6.30-7.00** The Dales Diary (919) **10.40** First Class County (318754) **11.10** Prisoner: Cell Block H (229532) **12.05** Nigel Mansell's Indycar 93 (2035859) **12.35** Film: Jealousy, Italian Style (388205) **2.30** Entertainment UK (27205) **3.30** Wolf (75472) **4.30-5.30** Jobfinder

ULSTER
As London except: 1.45 Fair City (730087) **2.15-2.45** *Highdays and Holidays* (755396) **6.00-7.00** UTV Live at Six (93236) **10.40** How Does your Garden Grow? (318754) **11.10** Prisoner: Cell Block H (229532) **12.05** Scotch and Irish (8416110) **12.40** The Equalizer (4474507) **1.35** Sport AM (3431526) **2.35** Donahue (8829236) **3.30** *The Beat (75472)* **4.30** Riviera (38033) **5.00-5.30** Jobfinder (14753)

WESTCOUNTRY
As London except: 2.15-2.45 Gardening *Time (755396)* **3.20-3.50** A Country Practice (9187648) **6.00-7.00** Westcountry Live (93236) **10.40** Westcountry Focus (318754) **11.15** Miller and Mueller (228803) **12.10** Soap (2027830) **12.40** The Equalizer (4474507) **1.35** Sport AM (3431526) **2.35** Donahue (8829236) **3.30** *The Beat* (75472) **4.30** Riviera (38033) **5.00-5.30** Jobfinder

YORKSHIRE
As London except: 1.45-2.45 Brand New Life (2781700) **3.20-3.50** The Young Doctors (9817648) **5.55** Calendar (378919) **6.30-7.00** The Big Green Boat Show (919) **10.40** First Class County (318754) **11.10** Prisoner: Cell Block H (229532) **12.05** Nigel Mansell's Indycar 93 (2035859) **12.35** Film: Jealousy, Italian Style (388205) **2.30** Entertainment UK *(27205)* **3.30** *Wolf (75472)* **4.30-5.30** *Jobfinder* (41439)

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Starts: 9.00 You Bet Your Life (91667) **9.30** Schools (476735) *12.00* Right to Reply (71803) **12.30** Slot Meithrin (20667) **1.00** Lift Off (15396) **1.30** Blossom (29938) **2.00** Film: The Good Die Young (528209) **3.50** Gustav and the Hunting Dog (2516913) **3.55** Gardens Without Borders (4256700) *4.25* Slot 23 (3326087) **5.00** Countdown (6716) **5.30** Brookside (396) **6.00** News (382358) **6.10** Hero (735280) **7.00** Pobol Y Cwm (9280) **7.30** Sgorio (39280) **8.30** News (414261) **8.55** Y Byd Ar Bedwar (172803) **9.30** Cheers (43713) **10.00** Northern Exposure (845209) **10.55** *Roots Schmoots* (185464) **11.55** Secret Life of Machines (975984) **12.25-12.55** Dream On (2049052)

SATELLITE

SKY ONE
6.00am The DJ Kat Show (36434648) **8.40** Lamb Chops Play-a-Long (6964754) **9.10** Cartoons (2221071) **9.30** The Pyramid Game (62613) *10.00 Strike it Rich (30759) 10.30* The Bold and the Beautiful (37483) **11.00** Hart to Hart (57342) **12.00** Falcon Crest (58464) **1.00pm** E Street (31356) **1.30** Another World (4112551) **2.15** Santa Barbara (386280) **2.45** Maude (385551) **3.15** Diff'rent Strokes (382464) **3.45** The DJ Kat *Show (5543377) 5.00 Star Trek: The Next* Generation (1613) **6.00** Games World (4483) **6.30** E Street (5735) **7.00** Rescue (2342) **7.30** Family Ties (1919) **8.00** Lace II: Second and final part of the mini series (18547) **10.00** *Seinfeld (29464) 10.30 Star Trek: The Next* Generation (45822) **11.30** Studs (27613) **12.00** Pages from Skytext

SKY NEWS
News on the hour
6.00am Sunrise (32648) **6.30** News and Business Report (154880) *9.30* Roving Report (37735) **10.30** Memories of 1970-1991 (15071) **11.30** Business Report (39483) **12.30pm** News and Business Report (99087) **1.30** Good Morning America (90716) **2.30** Parliament Live (31280) **3.30** Parliament Live (44071) **4.30** News and Business *Report (1532)* **5.00** *Live at Five (27377)* **6.30** News and Business Report (43071) **7.30** Special Report (2261) **10.30** Special Report (43464) **11.30** ABC News (92545) **12.30am** Getaway (50830) **1.30** ABC News (43323) **2.30** *Memories of 1970-1991 (59033)* **3.30** ABC News (81878) **4.30** Special Report (87255) **5.30-6.00** ABC News (76168)

SKY MOVIES PLUS
6.00am Showcase (2725754)
10.00 Three Men and a Little Lady (1990) The fathers travel to England (40445)
12.00 Joe Dancer — The Big Black Pill (1981) A detective, Robert Blake, is charged with murder (30731)
2.00pm An American Summer (1990) California sun and surf (57434)
4.00 Back Home (1989) Evacuee Hayley Mills returns to England from America after the second world war (9445)
6.00 Three Men and a Little Lady (as 10am) (87990)
8.00 Life Stinks (1991) Mel Brooks spends *a month on the streets (15229975)*
9.40 UK Top Ten (519623)
10.00 Ski School (1990): Comedy about two rival instructors (49938)
11.30 The Kindred (1987): Students find *something slimy in the basement (450006)*
1.05am Preppies (1990) Three girls plot revenge on their boyfriends (6389168)
2.25 A Man Called Sarge (1990). Military misfits strike a blow for freedom (519101)
4.00 Never Say Die *(1987)*. A journalist believes that someone is trying to kill him (395515). Ends at **5.45**

SKY MOVIES GOLD
6.15pm Born Free (1966): Virginia McKenna and Bill Travers raise a lioness (55259193)
8.00 Ode to Billy Joe (1976). An affair ends in tragedy (80025)
10.00 Blood Brothers (1978). Richard Gere plays a builder (255613). Ends at **11.55**

THE MOVIE CHANNEL
7.35am Dot and the Whale: Adventures of the Australian heroine (8713700)
9.00 The King of Jazz (1930): Starring a *young Bing Crosby (5314713)*
10.10 My Man Godfrey (1936, b/w): A tramp becomes a butler (27320445)
11.50 1001 Arabian Nights: Cartoon adventure (5133006)
1.10pm The Belle of the Nineties *(1934,* b/w): Mae West falls for a boxer (2074377)
2.25 Islands in the Stream (1976): Based on Ernest Hemingway's novel (163396)
4.15 Dot and the Whale (as 7.35am) *(3739629)* ***5.30 Xposure****: Film news (8880)*
6.00 The Keys (1991). Two brothers conflict with a land developer (85532)
8.00 Edward Scissorhands (1990): Fairytale starring Johnny Depp (97377)
10.00 Miller's Crossing (1990). *Power* struggles in a small town (55803)
12.00 Postcards from the Edge (1990): Meryl Streep gives ups drugs (983675)
1.45am Cold Feet (1989). Three crooks drive across America with a horse (160323)
3.20 You Can't Take It With You (1938, b/w) *Frank Capra comedy starring* Jean Arthur (78206014) Ends at **5.25**

SKY SPORTS
6.30am Stretch (50919) **7.00** German Football (98613) **9.00** Stretch (98193) **9.30** FA Premier League: Nottingham Forest v Leeds Utd *(70303)* **11.30** *Stretch (75826)* **12.00** Snooker (327280) **3.00pm** Tennis (57193) **5.00** Surfing (3513) **6.00** Soccer News (174071) **6.03** Trucks 'n' Tractor Power (6483) **6.30** Goal (7735) **7.00** Football *Middlesbrough v Oldham Athletic (433280)* **10.00** Soccer News (313667) **10.03** Snooker (25303) **12.00** Boots 'n' All (87859) **1.00am** Football (as 7pm) (86781) **3.00** Goal (32472)

EUROSPORT
7.30am Step Aerobics (79532) **8.00** Ski *Flying (76613)* **9.00** *Skiing (81984)* **10.00** Handball (30667) **12.00** Motorsport (33754) **1.00pm** Equestrian (19174) **2.00** Cycling (60396) **3.00** Skiing (90990) **4.00** Indy Car Racing (19025) **5.00** Snow Motorcycling (1209) **6.00** Eurofun (1551) **6.30** News (2803) **7.00** Motor Cycling (37919) **8.00** Football Champions League (48667) **9.00** Eurogoals (26803) **10.00** Boxing (29990) **11.00** Golf (76445) **12.00-12.30am** Eurosport News (90615)

UK GOLD
6.00am Rainbow (52923803) **6.15** Button Moon (52928358) **6.30** The Raccoons (8732464) **7.00** Defenders of the Earth (2152261) **7.30** *Neighbours (2171396)* **8.00** Sons and Daughters (1788006) **8.30** East-*Enders (1787377)* **9.00** The Bill (1778629) **9.30** The Duchess of Duke Street (6773261) **10.30** The Chinese Detective (3191629) **11.30** Don't Wait Up (2604713) **12.00** Sons and Daughters (1781193) **12.30pm** *Neighbours (6990919)* **1.00** *EastEnders (2151532)* **1.30** The Bill (6982990) **2.00** George and Mildred (2619919) **2.30** After Henry (5305193) **3.00** Dallas (4509349) **4.00** Dynasty (5054434) **5.00** Candid Camera *(2520071)* **5.30** *Give Us a Clue (5316209)* **6.00** Neighbours (5306822) **6.30** The Duchess of Duke Street (1500071) **7.30** George and Mildred (5393358) **8.00** EastEnders (2622483) **8.30** After Henry (2601990) **9.00** The Chinese Detective (2470551) **10.00** The Bill (1782822) **10.30** Frankie Howerd: Then Churchill Said to Me (1695342) **11.00** The Kenny Everett Television Show (4604993) ***11.30*** *Dr Who: The Silurians (8649700)* **12.00** Film: Return of the Bad Men (1943, b/w) starring Randolph Scott (3968120) **1.35-2.00am** Video Bites (29495304)

THE CHILDREN'S CHANNEL

6.00am Stories Without Words (27700) **6.30** Non-Stop Cartoon Capers (9566358) **7.15** Kissy Fur (998826) **8.45** Jack in the Box (873006) **10.45** Stories without Words (714174) **11.15** Non-Stop Cartoon Capers (9643209) **12.00** Clowning Around (27629) **12.30pm** *Mask (61551)* **1.00** *Jack in the Box* (29648) **3.00** Kissy Fur (52754) **4.00** Spot and Hercules (6848) **4.30** The Legend of White Fang (5532) **5.00** Katts and Dog (7648) **5.30** Saved by the Bell (3984) **6.00-7.00** *Fame (73342)*

RADIO 3

6.35am Open University: Leisure — The Growth of Soccer and Organised Sport
6.55 Weather
7.00 On Air: Andrew Lyle presents music, news, weather and arts stories. Including Monteverdi (Beatus Vir: Taverner Consort and Players); Haydn (*Symphony No 39 in G minor*: Hungarian CO); MacCunn (The Land of the Mountain and the Flood: Scottish National Orchestra); Mozart (Exsultate Jubilate, K165: Bavarian RSO)
9.00 Composer of the Week: Kurt Weill *in the 1920s*. Donald Macleod introduces Weill's *earliest concert* works and his collaborations with Brecht. The Ballad of Mack the Knife, The Threepenny Opera; Symphony No 1; Violin Concerto
10.00 Perchance to Dream: Shostakovich (Hamlet, musical fragments, Op 32); Saint-Saëns (La mort d'Ophélie); Berlioz (*Funeral March* for the last scene of Hamlet); Thomas (Ophelia's *Mad Scene*, Hamlet) Tchaikovsky (Fantasy Overture, Hamlet); Strauss (Three Ophelia Songs, Op 67); Walton, arr Palmer (Hamlet, A Shakespeare scenario)
12.00 Vintage Years: John Amis presents a musical protrait of Imogen Holst **1.00pm News**
1.05 BBC Lunchtime Concert, live from St John's, Smith Square, London. BBC Symphony Orchestra under Andrew Davis performs Schubert (Overture, Die Freunde von Salamanka); Schoenberg (Chamber Symphony No 2); Haydn (Symphony No *91* in *E flat*)
2.05 Third Opinion (r)
2.50 Two Pianos: *Hans-Peter* and Volker Stenzl play Brahms (*Variations on a theme of* Haydn, Op 56b); Ravel (La Valse) (r)
3.25 Rachmaninov: BBC Welsh SO under Tadaaki Otaka performs Symphony No 3 in A *minor* (r)
4.10 Mors et Resurrectio: Wilma Jensen plays French music for Passiontide on the Casavant Organ of St George's Episcopal Church in Nashville, Tennessee. Including Daniel-Lesur (Scène de la *Passion*); Paul de Maleingreau (Symphonie de la Passion); Tournemire (Paraphrase et double choral, L'Orgue mystique)
5.00 In Tune: Edward Greenfield presents music, news and arts events. *His guest is the* conductor Herbert Blomstedt
7.30 Das Buch mit Sieben Siegeln (The Book with Seven Seals): Franz Schmidt's oratorio, performed by the Leeds Philharmonic Choir, Huddersfield Choral Society and BBC Philharmonic under Edward Downes. With Eilene Hannan, soprano, Susan Kessler, mezzo, Werner Hollweg and Ian Caley, tenors, and Robert Holl and David Thomas, basses
9.25 Anthem for Doomed Youth: See Choice
9.40 Delmé Quartet performs Beethoven (*String Quartet in* D, Op 18 No 3); Mozart (Clarinet Quintet in A, K581: with Jack Brymer) (r)
10.45 Mixing It, presented by Robert Sandall and Mark Russell
11.30 Piers Adams, recorders, and Howard Beach, fortepiano/square piano, perform recorder music by *Salaverde*, Telemann, Corelli, Diabelli, *Krähmer and Schubert*
12.30-12.35am News
1.00-2.25am Night School (except in Scotland: as R5 at 1.05pm)
2.30-3.10am Night School Extra

RADIO 4

5.55am Shipping Forecast **6.00** News, incl **6.03** Weather **6.10** Farming Today **6.25** Prayer for *the Day* ***6.30*** *Today, incl* ***6.30***, **7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30** News **8.45** Business News **6.55**, **7.55** Weather **7.25, 8.25** Sports News **7.45** Thought for the Day with Rabbi Lionel Blue **8.35** The Week on 4 **8.43** Stuck Between a Rock and a Hard Place: Helen Chapell *recalls the economic* depression of the thirties **8.58** Weather
9.00 News 9.05 Start the Week, with Melvyn Bragg and guests
10.00-10.30 News; Globetrotters (FM only): Arthur Smith chairs *the quiz for armchair travellers*
10.00 Daily Service (LW only) from Kilmacolm Old Kirk, Renfrewshire
10.15 The Bible: The Gospel of Mark. Read by Juliet Stevenson (4/7) (r)
10.30 Woman's Hour: Bettina Selby talks about cycling to Mount *Ararat; and there is a report on* post-natal care for new *mothers. Incl* **11.00 News**
11.30 Money Box Live: 071-580 *4444. Ring Vincent Duggleby* from 10am
12.00 You and Yours, with John Howard
12.25 Counterpoint: Ned Sherrin hosts the musical quiz **12.55** Weather
1.00 The World at One, with James Naughtie
1.40 The Archers (r) **1.55** Shipping
2.00 News; A Clergyman's Daughter: George Orwell's novel, adapted by John Peacock, about the scandal that rocks a small town when the clergyman's daughter disappears. With Amanda Redman, *Hugh Dickson* and Marion Diamond (r)
3.15 Silkies: Adrian Mourby reports on life among the Silkies (Single Income and Lots of Kids). Their motto is "Parenthood is not the end of life, it only feels like it"
3.30 Conversation Place: Sue *MacGregor talks to the marine* archaeologist Honor Frost about her life and work, including the discovery of two warships that were sunk around 250BC **4.00 News**
4.05 Kaleidoscope listens to the music of the Polish composer Gorecki; and reviews a new *translation of the Flaubert-*Sand letters
4.45 Short Story: *The Smilers*, by F. Scott Fitzgerald. Read by Garrick Hagon
5.00 PM 5.50 Shipping Forecast **5.55** Weather
6.00 Six O'Clock News
6.30 The News Quiz (r)
7.00 News 7.05 The Archers
7.20 The Food Programme, with Derek Cooper (r)
7.45 The Monday Play: Into the *Darkness Laughing*. See Choice
9.15 Kaleidoscope (r)
9.45 The Financial World Tonight, with Roger White **9.59** Weather
10.00 The World Tonight, with Robin Lustig
10.45 A Book at Bedtime: The Inseparable Twins, by Anatoly Pristavkin. John Hurt reads the first of ten episodes about orphaned identical twins struggling to survive in the Caucasus
11.00 You Heard It Here First: Whose Line is it Anyway? Clive Anderson *referees comedy improvisations* by Stephen Fry, John Sessions, *Rory Bremner* and Jon Glover (r)
11.30 Today in Parliament
12.00-12.43am News, incl **12.27** Weather **12.33** Shipping **12.43** As World Service (LW only)

CHOICE

The Monday Play: Into the Darkness Laughing. *Radio 4, 7.45pm.*
Patrice Chaplin has extracted enough painful pages from her *Modigliani biography* to produce this radio impression of the selfless devotion of the painter's last mistress, Jeanne Hébuterne, during his dying days in Paris. It was a *supportive* role that Chaplin's Jeanne (touchingly played by Rachel Joyce) perceptively calls "a breathing caryatid". In this dark-hued *vie de bohème*, Neil Dudgeon suffers audibly as Modigliani, but it is the faithful Jeanne who deserves — and wins — our full sympathy.

Anthem for Doomed Youth, *Radio 3, 9.25pm.*
There is nothing haphazard about Mick Imlah's compilation of Wilfred Owen's letters and war poems, read by Kenneth Branagh. The poems *bleed; sometimes* literally, into the letters, and the letters into the poems. There are times, indeed, when we can not tell them apart. The *gradual darkening* of the scene is brilliantly evoked, from the semi-humour of mud getting into Owen's pyjamas to his baptism of blood (a hurt finger) and *the* "seventh hell" carnage of an advance post no man's land.
Peter Davalle

RADIO 1

FM Stereo and **MW. 4.00am** Bruno Brookes (FM only) **6.00** Simon Mayo **9.00** Simon Bates **12.30pm** Newsbeat **12.45** Jakki Brambles **3.00** *Steve Wright in the Afternoon* ***6.00*** *Mark Goodier's Mega Hits* **6.30** News '93 **7.00** Mark Goodier's Evening Session **8.30** Consequences **9.00** Out on Blue Six **10.00** Nicky Campbell **12.00** The Knowledge (FM only) (r) **12.30-4.00am** Bob Harris (FM only)

RADIO 2

FM Stereo. **5.00am** Sarah Kennedy **6.15** Pause for Thought **7.00** Wake Up to Wogan **9.15** Pause for Thought **9.30** Ken Bruce **11.30** Jimmy Young **2.00pm** Gloria Hunniford **3.30** John Sachs **5.05** John Dunn **7.00** Hubert Gregg **7.30** Alan Dell with Dance Band Days and at **8.00** Big Band Era **8.30** Big Band Special **9.00** Humphrey Lyttelton with The Best of Jazz **10.00** The Best of Syd Lawrence (4/8) **10.30** The Jamesons **12.05am** Jazz Parade **12.35** Steve Madden **3.00-5.00** Alex Lester

RADIO 5

News and sport on the hour until **7.00pm. 6.00am** World Service: World News, **6.09** News About Britain; **6.15** Europe Now **6.30** Danny Baker's Morning Edition **9.30** Johnnie Walker with The AM Alternative **11.30** BFBS Worldwide **12.30pm** Money Talk **1.05** Schools: Topic Resources 5-7; **1.20** English 9-11, **1.40** Poetry Corner; **1.50** Let's Move!; **2.10** Active Science **2.30** A Game of Two Halves **4.30** Five Aside **6.30** The Croxton Year, by Matthew Solon (3/4) **7.15** Nothing Ever Happens Here: Bill Gillham's children's thriller (1/5) **7.30** Champion Sport **9.30** Black Museum: The Khaki Handkerchief **10.10** The Mix, incl **11.00** Sport **12.00-12.10am** News; Sport

WORLD SERVICE

All times in **GMT. 4.30am** Waveguide **4.40** *Travel and Weather* ***4.45*** *Programmes in* German **5.30** Europe Today **5.59** Weather **6.00** News **6.14** Travel **6.15** The Week Ahead **6.25** Book Choice **6.30** Programmes in French **6.59** Weather **7.00** Newsdesk **7.30** Gods, Guides and Guns **8.00** News **8.10** Words of Faith **8.15** Health Matters **8.30** Anything Goes **9.00** News **9.05** Business Report **9.15** The Brain **9.30** Andy Kershaw's World of Music **9.45** Sports Roundup **10.00** The Last Tigers **10.30** The Vintage Chart Show **11.00** Newsdesk **11.29** Travel **11.30** BBC English **11.45** Mittagsmagazin **11.59** Business Update **Noon** News **12.10pm** Words of Faith **12.15** Ned Sherrin's Counterpoint **12.45** Sports Roundup **1.00** Newshour **2.00** News **2.05** Outlook **2.30** Off the Shelf: Rieng Darban **2.45** *A Taste of Soul* **3.00** News **3.15** Marking Time **4.00** News **4.15** BBC English **4.29** News in French **4.30** Programmes in German **5.00** News and Business Report **5.14** Travel **5.15** BBC English **5.30** Programmes in French **6.00** Newsdesk **6.30** Programmes in German **8.00** News **8.10** The World Today **8.25** Words of Faith **8.30** Europe Tonight **9.00** Newshour **10.00** News **10.15** Meridian **10.45** Sports Roundup **11.00** News **11.05** Business Report **11.15** Sparks From a Precious Stone **11.30** Multitrack 1 **Midnight** Newsdesk **12.30am** Quote, Unquote **1.00** News **1.05** Outlook **1.30** Folk Routes **1.45** Health Matters **2.00** Newsdesk **2.30** *Ned Sherrin's Counterpoint* **3.00** News **3.15** Sports Roundup **3.30** John Peel **4.00** News **4.15** Health Matters

CLASSIC FM

5.00am Nick Bailey **9.00** Henry Kelly **12.00** Susannah Simons **2.00pm** Lunchtime Concerto: Grieg and Tchaikovsky **3.00** Petroc Trelawny **6.00** Classic Reports **7.00** Music of Britain and Ireland: The English Song **8.00** Classic FM Concert: Orchestre National de l'ORTF performs Dukas (The Sorcerer's Apprentice), Poulenc (Concerto for Organ, Timpani and Strings); Saint-Saëns (Symphony No 1); Debussy (Nocturnes) **10.00** Adrian Love **1.00-5.00am** André Leon

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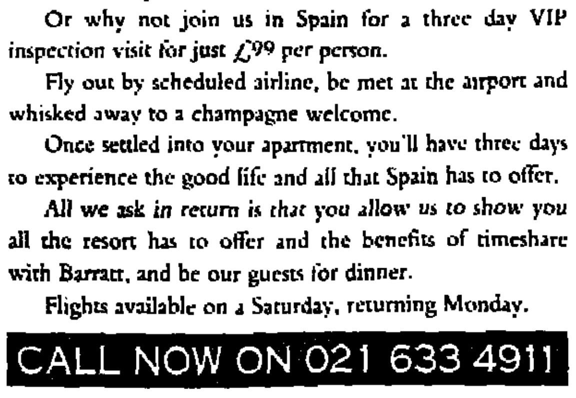

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Power firms caught in coal dilemma

By Martin Waller, Deputy City Editor

■ Power generators are to sign new coal contracts before the appearance of the white paper on the coal industry and before the old contracts run out on All Fools' Day

THE electricity industry will this week start to sign a set of contracts allowing the lights to stay on beyond April 1 when the current contractual framework ends.

But, while the two generators and the 12 distributors in England and Wales broadly agree what should replace this framework, both sides of the industry are on a collision course with the trade and industry department.

Delay in the announcement of the white paper on the future of the coal industry has left the power companies to go it alone in their negotiations, against a background of pressure from the DTI to sign before the white paper is unveiled.

Industry sources say Michael Heseltine, the President of the Board of Trade, set last Friday as a deadline for the signing of firm contracts, but his ultimatum was ignored by the electricity companies.

Instead the industry seems likely to agree a new contractual framework that will give both sides a large degree of leeway to adjust the terms if the contents of the white paper make it necessary.

Any uncertainty in the contracts could undermine the price the government will put on British Coal before it is sold. The DTI has offered to arbitrate to allow the contracts to be finalised, but this has been seen as a crude attempt to interfere in negotiations between independent companies. Despite the Treasury's remaining 40 per cent holding in National Power and PowerGen, the generators, the government is explicitly barred in the privatisation prospectuses from intervening in the industry's affairs. One source close to the talks said: "Arms have been breaking with the strain, they have been pushed so far up the back at the DTI."

The difficulty for the industry is that binding five-year contracts could turn into millstones if the structure of the industry is dramatically altered by the white paper, which may not appear until the existing contracts between generators and distributors expire at the end of the month.

Parliament does not rise until April 2, and that day, or the day before, are seen as favourites for the paper to be published, not least because any political storm would be minimised as MPs depart.

The generators and the distributors have, therefore, drawn up a number of "woolly clauses" allowing the contracts to be adjusted after signing. The two most significant cover any change in the franchise under which the distributors have a monopoly to provide electricity to all but the biggest consumers, and any eventual break-up of British Coal.

The distributors want to be covered for any relaxation of the franchise that would remove some of their assured market. The generators fear that if British Coal is broken up, any contracts they have signed to buy coal may be declared null and void. This would leave them to negotiate on unfavourable terms with British Coal's successor bodies while they are still contracted to supply the distributors.

The head of one company involved in the talks said: "We're trying to ensure, having gone right the way through this procedure, that there isn't something at the 59th minute of the 11th hour that will produce completely different circumstances than we had anticipated when signing these contracts."

But the industry's fear is that if it pushes the matter too far, the government may take punitive action, whether by bringing the distributors under tighter regulatory control or by sending the generators' virtual duopoly in England and Wales to the monopolies commission.

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Tuning up: Ann Gloag, managing director of Stagecoach Holdings, the Perth-based bus company preparing for its stock market debut

Stagecoach Holdings offers investors a ticket to ride

By Sarah Bagnall and Susan Gilchrist

INSTITUTIONS and the public are being asked to invest more than £80 million in two companies making their stock market debuts next month. Stagecoach Holdings, the Perth bus firm, is to raise £20.6 million while Westminster Health Care, the UK's second largest operator of private nursing homes, is to raise about £63 million.

Meanwhile, Fenchurch Insurance Group, the Lloyd's of London broker, has strengthened its management team with the appointment of Rupert Hambro as chairman in preparation for a flotation in the next twelve months. Mr Hambro is a former chairman of Hambros Bank. Fenchurch, which is expected to announce profits today of £5.4 million on turnover of £29.2 million for the year to end-September 1992, could have a stock market valuation of up to £80 million.

Stagecoach, which is expected to have a market capitalisation between £100 million and £120 million, is forecasting pre-tax profits of £12.8 million for the year to end-April 1993. This is a 56 per cent leap from the £8.2 million profit recorded in 1992, which in turn was a sharp rise from the previous year's £2.5 million profit.

Run by Brian Souter, chairman, and his sister, Ann Gloag, managing director, the company has grown rapidly since it started in 1980 with two buses, which grossed £19 on their first trip from Dundee to London. Last year, the company had a turnover of £140 million, 11,000 employees and a fleet of 3,300 buses.

The company's growth has been helped by the privatisation programme and the flotation proceeds will be used to repay the associated debt and finance further acquisition-led expansion. Mr Souter said the group's balance sheet would be strengthened substantially and gearing would fall to about 60 per cent.

Mr Souter and Mrs Gloag are expected to retain a 50 per cent holding in the group, reduced from their present combined stake of 90 per cent, with institutions taking between 30 and 40 per cent and the balance being held by employees and the public.

Shares in WHC are to be placed entirely with institutions, although about 20 per cent can be clawed back by private investors. WHC, a subsidiary of National Medical Enterprises of America, owns 45 nursing homes throughout the UK and has 11 further sites under construction.

Turnover has increased fivefold between 1988 and 1992 and pre-tax profits have risen by more than six times, to £5.3 million for the year to end-May 1992. The company expects a further 66 per cent increase in profits this year. The investment needed for the acquisition and development of new homes has outstripped profits, pushing debt to £78 million.

Patrick Carter, chief executive of WHC, cites the need for additional capital as the main reason for the market debut.

Clarks considers takeover offers

By Jon Ashworth

DIRECTORS of C&J Clark, the West Country shoe group, meet today to discuss the merits of at least three takeover bids amid signs of a deepening rift among members of the ruling Clark family.

They are expected to choose between FII, a leading supplier of shoes to Marks and Spencer, Berisford International, a financial holding company, and a group of venture capitalists. Clarks must disclose details of the bids by April 6, allowing shareholders time to consider them before the annual meeting on April 30.

Dissatisfaction over group strategy, coupled with a tumbling share price and an inability to sell the privately held shares, has split the 1,000-strong Clark family into two factions. Walter Dickson, the non-family chairman, initially proposed the sale of a majority stake in the company to a "friendly" parent, freeing about £150 million for brand development and giving those members of the Clark family who want to sell out a chance to do so.

Not surprisingly, the sale price has become a source of deep contention. Shareholders have seen the share price fall from £4 to about 90p and income from dividends has fallen sharply. Rebel family members, led by Lance Clark, hold between 25 and 40 per cent of the shares.

A motion to remove Mr Dickson and James Power from the Clarks board was due to be put to the vote last October. However, proceedings were adjourned until the annual meeting to allow time to assess the various options.

At the time, Mr Dickson told shareholders that "contradictory tensions" among family members had become irreconcilable. A change of ownership was the best solution. Now, as the deadline approaches, the family divisions appear deeper than ever.

Clarks, with annual sales of £600 million, is one of the UK's biggest private companies.

C&W calls mobile phone tune

By Our City Staff

THE cost of calling a mobile phone will be cut by up to 70 per cent this summer, as part of Mercury's drive to break into the cellular phone market.

Mercury, owned by Cable and Wireless, aims to chip between 50 and 70 per cent off calls to its new One-2-One phones. The overall cost of using a mobile phone will fall by up to 40 per cent, fuelling the likelihood of a price war in a market presently controlled by two operators: Vodafone and Cellnet.

The service will be pitched at business users to begin with and will be restricted to within the M25 belt, an area that covers about a quarter of the UK's telephone population. Trial charges for off-peak calls by frequent users will be as low as 8p a minute, compared with 10p a minute for Vodafone and Cellnet. Mercury's peak rate will range from 16p to 25p a minute, undercutting present rates by half.

Call charges to a Mercury mobile phone will range from 15.3p to as low as 7.2p a minute, compared with a present rate of more than 33p a minute for peak calls and an offpeak rate of 22p a minute.

Vodafone was unavailable for comment. Cellnet, jointly owned by BT and Securicor, said it wanted to see more details before responding.

Vauxhall defies recession

VAUXHALL has defied the recession in new car sales with a big leap in profits to about £200 million (Kevin Eason writes). The near-50 per cent increase in 1992 is remarkable, measured against the dramatic decline in car sales of more than a third since 1989.

The performance raises the prospect that Vauxhall will be able to turn up the heat further on Ford, which is thought to have lost about £300 million last year — its second worst year on record.

Vauxhall looks increasingly like a profits oasis in GM's operations. GM is under siege in America while the European operations suffered a 30 per cent drop in income to $1.2 billion last year in spite of the good British performance.

British investment in America plummets

Testing time: President Clinton warned about changes

From Philip Robinson in New York

BRITISH corporations have issued a sharp warning to President Clinton about policies that could increase the complexity of their tax bill or penalise their expansion in America.

Official statistics show direct foreign investment in America last year was the worst in 50 years. Many corporations took money out. British and German investors are estimated to have pulled out $500 million. Dutch and French $1.1 billion, and the Canadians $2.5 billion.

Raymond Krause, in charge of US government and community for Grand Metropolitan, the food and drinks group, said that, while American and world recession were largely responsible for the drop, "an uncertain climate in which the new Clinton administration has yet to affirm its support for the traditional and non-discriminatory 'national treatment' approach also played a major role".

Foreign-owned companies have been threatened with a variety of measures, including more severe tax examinations and tariffs on some of their goods. Mr Krause said: "Continued Congressional calls for unfair and harsh measures targeting US foreign-owned corporations may well continue to depress the willingness of foreign investors to move additional capital into the United States."

Mr Krause is also president of the Organisation for International Investment, which represents about 50 large foreign corporations with American businesses. Its members include GrandMet, Unilever, Nestlé, Hoechst and Sony.

Foreign investment in America has continued to fall since the 1989 peak of almost $70 billion.

Mr Krause said: "It must be assumed that punitive measures will be noticed by other governments and, as a result, spark retaliatory steps against US-owned corporations, which operate on a global scale."

Meanwhile, a separate survey from Kenneth Leventhal, a consultant based in Los Angeles, shows Japanese property investment fell from $5.1 billion to $807 million last year, down from a 1988 peak of $16.54 billion.

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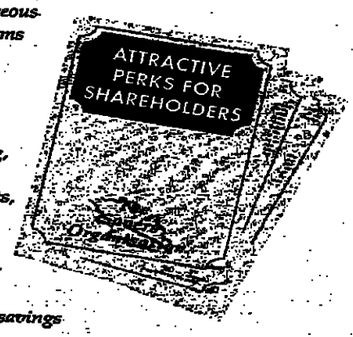

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20 Conflagration (7)
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24 Charge (3)
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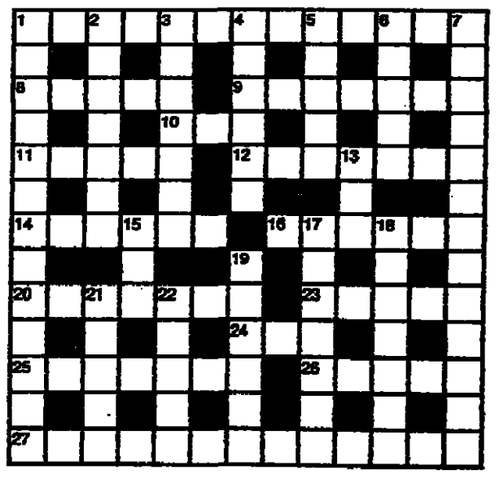

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WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene, Chess Correspondent

This position is from the game Westyn — Frifriksson, Iceland 1973. White appears to have a good position. His king seems completely secure and he is threatening to cause mayhem with 1 Nf6+. However, it is black's move and he proved that the security of white's king is an illusion. How?

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WORD-WATCHING

By PHILIP HOWARD

EDH
a. An Anglo-Saxon letter
b. Electro Dynamic Hydraulics
c. A Nigerian petty chieftain

SYKES
a. Sucking piglets
b. A thorn fence
c. A monkey

KERES
a. The corn god
b. Pueblo Indian people
c. Horned beasts

PITCHI
a. Dish of a solid log
b. Scots children's tossing game
c. A Pitcairn islander

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